

## THE CHILDREN'S RECORD.

**Dec. 10. THE HEAVENLY INHERITANCE.**  
 Les., I Pet. 1: 1-12.      Col. Text, Col. 1: 12.  
 Memory vs. 3-5      Catechism Q. 73-75.

About 35 years after Christ had ascended, Peter, now an old man, who had travelled far, was preaching in Babylon, where was a Christian church; chap. 5: 13.

He heard of the persecutions which the Christians in many other places were suffering, wrote this letter to them, and sent Sylvanus with it; chap. 5: 12.

As Sylvanus came with it, to church after church, how gladly they would listen to it and get it copied, and read it again and again at their meetings until they had it by heart, while Sylvanus would pass on with it to other churches and provinces.

This lesson is taken from the beginning of Peter's letter, where he tells them about the Heavenly inheritance which was now very near and dear to himself, and remember, young people, that you may have this heavenly inheritance, if you will, and that thinking of it will comfort you in your disappointments.

Take the lesson in four parts:

I. vs. 1, 2; This is Peter's salutation; in it he tells them different things, all showing how precious they are in God's sight; he tells them how God chose them, gave His Son to die for them and His Spirit to sanctify them.

II. vs. 3, 4; He tells them of the precious inheritance which is in store for them. They may have a hard lot here, but they have a glorious inheritance for the future, "reserved" in Heaven, for you, like a "reserved" seat. He tells them, too, how God gives this hope in raising Christ from the dead.

III. vs. 4-9; Then, lest any of them should fear and say: We may not be able to hold on in the good way and get that prepared place, he tells them, v. 5, that the power of God keeps them, and, v. 6, though they suffer greatly now, and sometimes get discouraged, yet, v. 7, this very suffering, like the purifying of gold in the furnace, will make them the purer and better, and that this Jesus whom they see not, but love and trust, will keep them to the end.

IV. vs. 10-12: He then reminds that the old prophets, long before, spoke of these days and times, and that so great was the work which Christ had done, and was doing, for men that even the angels wondered at it.

Write down the great truths that you are taught in this lesson:

1. That He begets in us the hope of Heaven.
2. That trials are blessings.

What is said about

The death of Christ?

The resurrection of Christ?

The "appearing" of Christ?

Have you a share in that Saviour and that inheritance?

**Dec. 17. THE GLORIFIED SAVIOUR.**

Les., Rev. 1: 9-20.      Col. Text, Phil. 2: 9.  
 Memory vs. 17-18.      Catechism Q. 76-78.

Look up in your geography all the places mentioned in this lesson, and then study the story of it.

Some sixty years had passed away since the ascension of our Lord. John, the beloved disciple, was a very old man. The companions of his early days were gone before. Revolution and war were common. The world was dark and stormy while the church suffered sore persecutions.

Banished to Patmos, a rocky island in the Egean Sea, John saw a vision which spoke to him of better days, of the coming triumph and future glory of Christ's kingdom, and, either there or on his return to Ephesus, which was near, he wrote the vision down for the churches over which he had oversight, and not only for them, but for all ages, for us, that in time of trial and discouragement we might be of good cheer.

In this lesson John tells us of one thing that he heard, and two things that he saw:

He heard a great trumpet voice, the voice of God. He listened and obeyed. Did you ever hear God speaking to you? When you read the Bible, when your parents or teachers teach you from it, when your minister preaches from it, it is God speaking to you. And then God speaks to your heart; when you feel that you have done right or wrong, that is God speaking to you; listen and obey.

But what two things did John see? First a candlestick, or lamp, with seven branches, each one having a place for oil and light. This represented the churches of which John had the oversight. Do you help to make the church, which you belong to, a shining light.

The second thing that he saw was a wonderful being standing amid the candlesticks. It was no other than Jesus. To John He seemed dressed in a long robe, with a golden girdle around His breast, and He seemed very glorious and very mighty.

But why should the gentle Jesus appear thus to John? Because the church seemed in danger of destruction and needed comfort, and this glorious Being, standing in the midst of the candlesticks, showed how Christ is in the midst of His church, and, in His might, will protect her from all evil.

Read the forty-sixth Psalm and see how it explains this picture.

How it would comfort John in his exile and the churches to whom he sent this word picture.

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