

Paul went on to remind the Thessalonians of his visit to their city. He had then preached the gospel to them, and as he preached, the blessed Holy Spirit had changed the hearts of those who heard so that they became true followers of Jesus. This brought to them great joy even though they had to suffer for becoming Christians.

The Christians at Thessalonica had set a good example to all the followers of Jesus who lived near them, and the glad news about Jesus had spread to people both near and far away. Some people from far away places had told the missionaries that they had heard about their visit to Thessalonica. They had heard how the people there had turned from idols to worship the living and true God, and were watching for Jesus to come back from heaven.

Paul knew that these Christians were looking for Jesus to come back from heaven to be king over all the earth. They were grieving because they were afraid that their friends who died could not come back with Jesus, but Paul told them that they must not be sad, for they knew that Jesus died and rose again, and Jesus will bring his followers to life again, and they will be with him wherever he is. Paul tells them to comfort one another with these words.

Those Thessalonians were glad when they read this letter from Paul.

Should we not ask Jesus to fill us with faith and hope and love, and to help us to tell others about him, both near and far away?

Questions on the Lesson

1. What is our story about? 2. Why did Paul and Silas and Timothy go away from Thessalonica? 3. Who sent a letter to the people of the church in Thessalonica? 4. Where was the letter written? 5. What did the letter look like? 6. How was it carried? 7. How did the people feel when they got it? 8. What was Paul's wish for them? 9. What did he say that he never forgot? 10. Had they been true followers of Jesus? 11. What did he know about them? 12. For whom were they looking to come again? 13. Why were they sad? 14. What did Paul tell them? 15. What promise is given to

Jesus' followers who have died? 16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

He has ascended—He has ascended,
And now sits enthroned in the sky;
But He'll come again to bear
All His lowly people there;
And they'll reign as kings with Jesus on high.
Blessèd Jesus! kind Jesus! the meek,
lowly Jesus!
They'll reign as kings with Jesus on high.
Amen.

—Hymn 547, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—103. What is the outward sign of membership in the Church? The outward sign of membership in the Church is baptism.

The Question on Missions

2. Where do the scholars come from? From every part of the Province of Quebec. Some are children of Roman Catholic parents, while others are children of our French Protestant families scattered throughout the country.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pens and ink are used for writing letters to tell our thoughts. But we tell our thoughts,



also, by the words we speak and the acts we do. Let us ask Jesus to make our thoughts pure and kind. Copy the picture.

I Have Learned To-day That
I SHOULD NOT BE AFRAID TO DIE