

B. Y. P. U.

The utilization of Baptist young people; their spiritual growth; their education in Christian life; their instruction in Baptist history and doctrine; through existing organizations...

For the week beginning Nov. 13. Topic: The first Christian church—its prayer meeting. Scripture: Acts 1:14, 12:12.

We ought to give special study to the first part of this book just now. It has much to say about the Holy Spirit, and Christ's promise was, "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you."

(a) By the number in attendance. Apparently all the Christians in the city were present. It is not a common thing to have a whole church to turn out to prayer meeting.

(b) By its spirit. "With one accord." You must have all the strings in tune before even a skillful musician can give us the "concert of secret sorrows."

(c) By the character of its service. Young people sometimes get nervous if the prayer meeting goes beyond the hour. How about the concert? But these people prayed, and then they prayed, and then they prayed.

(d) By wonderful results. The spirit came in mighty power upon them, the gospel was proclaimed in power, and one sermon was the means of leading three thousand to embrace Christ.

Christians Endeavor Tept for Nov. 12. "Our love tested by our gifts."—2 Cor. 8:1-12.

Note the circumstances calling forth this passage. The Christians of distant India are in need. Paul would have all members of the same body. He urges the churches among the Gentiles to contribute to the relief of the needy ones.

It is giving? Is it large giving? Read 1 Cor. 13. It is mere emotional impulse. Some give when a speaker has moved them, and they will all be wrong!

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Sabbath School.

BIBLE LESSONS.

FOURTH QUARTER.

Lesson VIII. Nov. 19. Eph. 4: 20-32.

IMITATION OF CHRIST.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."—Eph. 4: 32.

The Epistle to the Ephesians was written in the autumn of A. D. 62, during the latter part of Paul's two years' imprisonment at Rome.

It was written at Rome, in Paul's own "hired house," where he was a prisoner under guard.

EXPLANATORY.

SUBJECT—LIKENESS TO CHRIST.

20. But ye have not so learned Christ. St. Paul had just given a picture of the terrible moral state of the heathen among whom he was preaching. He had said to them as he did once to the Corinthian disciples, "And such were some of you."

The truth remains, the human philosophies and self-ments of them vary with every age. For instance, in music the great principles of harmony remain the same, but the scientific explanations and theories of harmony have varied greatly.

22. That ye put off. This is the truth referred to as having been taught them. Concerning the former conversation. Not that ye are without it, but that ye are not in it. Put off. As one would a vile and ragged garment.

23. And be renewed. Made young again. "The whole structure of our former moral character and habits must be broken up, and the ruins cleared away, that the building may be recommenced from its very foundation."

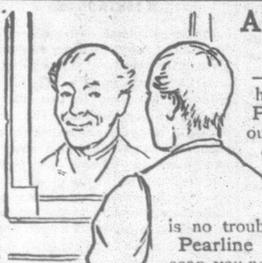
24. And that ye put on. Make your own, "by developing the life and energy which God has already given you." The new man, "not merely youthfulness, but the freshness of a higher nature"; the new heart, new principles, new purpose, new spirit, a new plane and atmosphere of living.

25. Wherefore, since you have put off the old man and received the new nature, putting away lying. The easiest, most universal, most prevailing of sins. It is especially the sin of the heathen world. The head of a school said that if he could get her scholars to always speak the truth, she would have little further difficulty in governing.

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28. And grieve not the Holy Spirit. How touching is this expression—not anger, but grief. The Holy Spirit is grieved over the sins and errors of those who have come to him and purified. He has come to help and purify, and when he is grieved over a child who wastes his opportunities and blessings, the Holy Spirit is grieved by indulgence in the sins above enumerated. They are repulsive to his nature. He sees the evil effect of them on those who commit them. His work



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Mount (Matt. 5: 21, 22, and the third and seventh Beatitudes). 26. Be ye angry, and sin not. Word for word from Ps. 4: 4. Anger, in the good sense, has very nearly the meaning of indignation, "a deep, serious moral reprobation against a grave moral offence."

27. Neither give place to the devil. As to one who would intrude at a half-open door, intent on occupying the house. ANOTHER WRONG (1) when it is excited without sufficient cause; (2) when it is against the "person" rather than the "offence"; (3) when it is attended with the desire of revenge; (4) when there is an unforgiving spirit (Barnes); (5) when it is brooded over, and "nursed to keep its warm"; (6) when its heat and expansion are prolonged.

28. Let him that stole. Implying that some of them had in former years gained their living by dishonesty, which was an almost universal vice among the heathen. Steal no more. Cease from his dishonest practices at any cost. The world has not yet outgrown this sin, and it is many a sad calamity.

29. Let no corrupt communication. (1) Taking what does not belong to you; (2) taking advantage of others' ignorance, to defraud them; (3) false returns to the assessor of taxes, by lying to escape them; (4) putting false labels and false measures to goods made and sold; (5) giving too small wages to those we employ; (6) not earning the wages we receive and so agree; (7) bending down those that keep us warm to give a fair profit on the goods we buy; (8) charging exorbitant prices; (9) gambling, raffling at fair, taking shares in lotteries; (10) all business which injures the life and property of others, as selling intoxicating liquors, obscene picture papers, etc., or renting buildings for their use; (11) obtaining the advantages of libraries, churches, papers, without doing our part toward their support, in so far as we are able.

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