

art, so the Christian must be ready to lose himself in the service of the kingdom, Acts 20 : 24. The multitude of the redeemed in all ages will be made up of those who have been willing to endure tribulation for the glory of God. Now emphasize the qualities of the saints of God as shown by the lessons :

1. *Beholding the resurrected Christ*, Lesson I. The Christian knows the invisible Christ not only as an historical fact but as a living reality ; not only through the gospel but through the daily fellowship with him and the experience of his quickening power and guiding wisdom, which are most powerful arguments for his resurrection.

2. *Possessed of the Spirit*, Lessons II. and IV. Through the Spirit, Christ gives us special equipment for special service ; holiness of life ; spiritual influence ; assurance of our sonship.

3. *Testifying to the gospel*, Lessons III. and VI. If the religion of Jesus Christ is the only religion that can save men, then we are bound to proclaim it without fear or compromise. And whatsoever concerns the interests of the gospel must be supported without regard to costs.

4. *Serving the neglected*, Lesson V. "People ought not to speak of loving their neighbors, if they allow men to starve and die in misery. The gospel establishes the infinite and independent value of every human soul."

5. *Loving one another*, Lessons VII., VIII., IX. This love manifests itself in : (a) Self-forgetting love, Lesson VII. We must allow "each for the other's frailties and mistakes, aye, when they turn and wound you, 'finding your joy in the felicity of others.' " (b) Chastening love, Lesson VIII. Christian love seeks the highest good of each fellow Christian, but it is not a weak sentiment. "The love with no capacity for indignant opposition to evil would be a cold indifference." The love that will yield rather than suffer unpleasantness falls back into self-love. (c) Sacrificial love, Lesson IX. The humblest and most unattractive forms of service to our fellows become glorious when we can see in them means of praising our Lord.

6. *Faithful unto death*, Lessons X. and XI. The Christian has no fear of those who can kill only the body, for he looks unto Jesus, the triumphant martyr. "It is the man who cries, 'For thy sake we are killed all the day long ;' who cries in the same breath, 'In all these things we are more than conquerors.' "

7. *Buying up opportunity*, Lesson XII. Some seem to be waiting for God to give them some special magnificent service to perform, but God chooses for his special work those who are busy always and finding everywhere opportunities for spiritual investment.

THE QUARTERLY REVIEW

FOR SENIOR SCHOLARS AND THE BOYS AND GIRLS : The First Seven Years of Church History

Show that our studies for the Quarter have covered the first seven years in the history of the Christian church. What have these years revealed of the spirit and genius of the church ? Bring out that we have here the divinest institution that the world knows anything about. What were the dominant characteristics of those first seven years ?

1. *A Spirit of Prayer*, Lesson I. Bring out that while the master was with them the first disciples enjoyed sweet fellowship with him which was to some extent a substitute for prayer ; but after he had been taken up prayer was their vital breath, their native air, their sweetest enjoyment, their never-failing strength and comfort. A prayerless life is always a poor life.

2. *Spiritual Power*, Lessons II. to V. How did the first disciples obtain spiritual power ? Show that this power from above manifested itself in their preaching (Lesson III.), in their