

## GOLDEN TEXT

Acts 2: 47. The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

## DAILY READINGS

- M. — Acts 2: 37-47. The early Christian Church.  
 T. — Acts 16: 16-34. What must I do?  
 W. — Rom. 10: 1-13. How to be saved.  
 Th. — Acts 19: 13-20. *Proofs of conversion.*  
 F. — John 3: 14-21. Life by faith.  
 S. — Eph. 4: 1-15. Unity of the Church.  
 S. — Isa. 60: 1-10. A vision of the Church.

## CATECHISM

Q. 3. *What do the Scriptures principally teach?*  
 A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

## TIME AND PLACE

The same day as last lesson, probably Sunday, May 28, A.D. 30, and continuing into the days following; near by the upper room, and then in the Temple and city.

## LESSON PLAN

- I. The Gospel Preached, 37-40.  
 By Peter and the others, and very faithfully.  
 II. The Converts Baptized, 41.  
 To the number of about three thousand.  
 III. The Church Steadfast and Prospering, 42-47.  
 Though but as yet in its merest infancy.

## LESSON HYMN

Book of Praise, 162, 92 (Ps. Sel.); 206; 551; 218; 553.

## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—37. About what had Peter been preaching? To whom? In what place? With what result? What important question did they ask?

38 How did Peter answer them? What is repentance unto life? (Shorter Catechism, Ques. 87.) What is Baptism? (Shorter Catechism, Ques. 94.) In whose name is baptism to be administered? What blessing follows? What promise attached?

39 To whom was the promise given? Who were the "near"? Who the "afar off"? (Isa. 57: 19; Zech. 6: 15; Eph. 2: 13-17). Can we claim the promise?

40, 41 What did Peter wish them to do? How many listened? With what result?

42, 43 Give the four steps in the training of the early Church. Through whom did God work? In what way?

44, 45 How did they show their brotherly love? Were they forced to do this or was it done freely?

46, 47 What was their daily life? What were the fruits (a) to the selves, (b) to others?

Seniors and the Home Department—37. What was the effect of Peter's preaching? Of what were his hearers convinced? To what did this lead them?

38 What two things did Peter tell them to do? What is repentance? What specially should lead to repentance? (2 Peter 3: 9; Rom. 2: 4.) By what should it be followed? (Jas. 4: 8; Acts 3: 22.) What does the Gospel promise? (Acts 3: 19.)

39 For whom was the promise intended? At what was Peter afterwards surprised? (Acts 10: 28.)

40, 41 In God's Church who are the scholars? Who the great Teacher? What the chief study? What

the object of training? How long is the term?

42, 43 Give a picture of the early Christians in their four-fold training.

44, 45 What is the principle illustrated in these verses? (Matt. 25: 14-30, 34-40).

46 What was the daily life of the converts?

47 Whom did they acknowledge? With what results? Of what is conversion the result? (Acts 11: 21.)

*Prove from Scripture—That we all need to repent.*

*Practical Points—*1. The repentance is real which leads one to say in all sincerity, "What shall I do"? It makes one ready to turn one's back on all one's old life and do what God wishes.

2. The advice given was practically to turn from the old way to the way of life—turn away from sin, and confess Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

3. The Holy Ghost is free to all who truly repent and accept Christ.

4. It is much easier to float with the stream than to swim against it, but if the current of our generation follows its own way instead of God's, we must save ourselves by separation from it, or our end, too, will be destruction.

5. Study of God's will, fellowship with each other in daily life, at the communion table, and in prayer—a simple and beautiful picture of the early Christian Church. Happy is the church now that lives in imitation of that example.

6. The having of all things in common, dividing as each had need, seemed the natural outcome of lives lived so close to God and each other as theirs were.

7. The Church that shows a good dividend of consecrated lives is the one which will come.

## FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What offer of salvation did Peter make? .....

2. In what way did they profess their faith in Christ? .....

3. What proofs did they give that they were changed men? .....