

3. *Preachers.* What were the names of the preachers? How did they speak? What did they say? Have some one read aloud verses 46 and 47. What were the five results of this preaching? Let the pupils answer from their Bibles and correct their answers, which should be somewhat as follows:

- (1) The Gentiles rejoiced and glorified God.
- (2) Many believed.
- (3) The word of God was spread abroad.
- (4) The Jews stirred up a persecution against the missionaries.
- (5) These left the city.

4. *Disciples.* What is meant by "disciples"? With what were they filled? Show that the Holy Spirit convicts of sin, and that therefore he first causes sorrow, but that those who open their hearts to him are afterward full of joy. Note that the second fruit of the Spirit as given in Gal. 5. 22 is joy. The more the Holy Spirit is permitted to come into the heart the greater and the purer will be the joy of the believer.

CLINCHERS.

We have in this lesson a very graphic picture of the effects of truth on individuals. God has given man the right to choose. One person hears and heeds a truth and is blessed. Another person hears and rejects the same truth and is hardened. Wherein is the blame? Not in God; not in the preacher; not in the truth. It is in him who will not. Picture Jesus weeping over Jerusalem and saying of its inhabitants, "Ye would not." Picture the thieves on the crosses beside the crucified Saviour, one of whom accepted while the other rejected him. Press home the truth that while a person has the power to reject the truth, he must take the consequences of that rejection. Have some one read aloud Acts 13. 38, 39, and urge all to accept forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ.

CONCLUSION.

Have all who will honestly promise to accept forgiveness as offered by Jesus print the following:

**I WILL HEAR THE WORD
THAT OFFERS FORGIVENESS OF SINS.**

Foundation stone number eight should have on it the words **FORGIVENESS OF SINS**, and on the reverse side the above promise.

FOR NEXT SUNDAY.

Ask the pupils to read the lesson for next Sunday, in order to learn to what Roman gods Paul and Barnabas were likened. Ask each

pupil to be prepared to state why this comparison was made, and who is meant by the priest of Jupiter.

By Way of Illustration.

The theme of Paul's preaching is in verse 39—justification by faith. To Paul's mind, synagogue, law, and prophets, God's entire work for the Jews, existed but for this truth; and it has changed the world. The synagogue has vanished, Antioch is but a ruin, but the grace there proclaimed has gone on, bringing peace to countless souls. It fulfilled and displaced the God-given Hebrew dispensation, and overcame the worn-out paganism of Asia, Greece, and Rome. It stirred the centuries whose great name is Augustine. It lifted Luther to his feet and inspired the Reformation which led in our modern era of light and liberty. The United Empire Loyalist Pilgrims, and the Canada on which they impressed their convictions and character, we owe to its divine power. Never till human history is finished will the influence of that sermon end.—C. M. Southgate.

Paul revealed Jesus Christ in the Old Testament Scriptures. Men may so read the Scriptures as to miss its chief message, as one may study the philosophy of light and yet fail to use the sunshine in their daily life. There was a researcher of art in Italy who, reading in some book that there was a portrait of Dante painted by Giotto, was led to suspect that he had found where it had been placed. There was an apartment used as a storehouse for wood and hay. Clearing out the rubbish, and experimenting upon the whitewashed wall, he soon detected the signs of the long-hidden portrait. Little by little, with loving skill, he opened up the sad, thoughtful, stern face of the old Tuscan poet. Sometimes it seems to me that the divine lineaments of Christ have been covered over by human plastering, and I am seized with a desire to draw forth from its hiding place and reveal to men the glory of God as it shines in the face of Jesus Christ!

"Lo, we turn to the Gentiles." "What right have we to think that in Christ's command to go to the uttermost part of the earth he means India and China. Does he not mean Canada as much as any country?" asked a young woman of Mr. J. R. Mott. "Yes," was the answer, "and the Gospel is here, the land is full of churches, and there are plenty of heathen who won't hear the Gospel. Suppose that you had a child who would not eat its food, and a neighbor's child was starving for want of it, would you say, 'I won't send this rejected food to

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