

—Observe who it is that does not obey the commands of the apostle. *Ashamed*—Made to feel his own wrong-doing. *Mine own hand*—A sentence written by Paul's own hand, as the rest of the epistle was written through a scribe or writer.

LESSON HYMNS.

No. 91, S. S. Hymnal.

Hark! the voice of Jesus calling.

No. 94, S. S. Hymnal.

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds.

No. 96, S. S. Hymnal.

Brightly beams our Father's mercy.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. **The Christian Prayer**, v. 1-5. What request did Paul make? For what did he desire their prayers? What are the first two petitions in the Lord's Prayer? Matt. 6. 9, 10. What words show Paul's faith in his brethren? What was his prayer for them?

2. **The Christian Fellowship**, v. 6, 7. What command did Paul give to the Thessalonians? By what authority? What was Solomon's advice in regard to companionship? Prov. 4. 14.

3. **The Christian Walk**, v. 8-15. Why did Paul engage in daily labour? What other reason had he for working? What duty is laid upon all? 1 Thess. 4. 11. What is the penalty for idleness here given? What command is given in regard to labour? How should we treat the idle and disobedient?

4. **The Christian Salutation**, v. 16-18. What title is here given to Jesus? What prayer is made by Paul for his friends? What mark of his regard is given? What is his closing benediction?

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. To shun evil companions?
2. To set a godly example for others?
3. To avoid idleness?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.—(For the entire school). 1. For what should we pray? The advancement of Christ's kingdom. 2. Who is always faithful? The Lord. 3. What is the apostle's prayer? "The Lord direct your hearts." 4. What does the apostle command the disorderly and lazy to do? To work. 5. What does he say to the workers? "Be not weary in well-doing."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The authority of the Church.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. **The Christian Prayer**, v. 1-5. Why should Christians pray for each other? What was the apostle's special need of prayer at this time? What kind of faith is here referred to? What was Paul's prayer for those to whom he wrote?

2. **The Christian Fellowship**, v. 6, 7. What is Christian fellowship? With whom should we avoid fellowship? What example were the disciples to follow? How far should we follow human examples? 1 Cor. 11. 1.

3. **The Christian Walk**, v. 8-15. What had been Paul's conduct in Thessalonica? Why did he not expect the Church to support him? Against what class of people did he warn the disciples? What did he commend to such people? What is the meaning of the exhortation in the GOLDEN TEXT?

4. **The Christian Salutation**, v. 16-18. What name is here given to Christ and why? What is Christ's promise in John 14. 27? What is the closing benediction of the epistle? What is meant by it?

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

How are we here taught—

1. The duty of prayer?
2. The duty of industry?
3. The duty of doing good?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Whom did Paul call brethren? Believers in Jesus. What did he ask his brethren to do? To pray for him? Why did he need their prayers? Because wicked men opposed him. Who can keep the believers from evil? The faithful Lord. For whom did Paul tell his brethren to wait? For Christ. What will Christ do when he comes? Make all things right. From whom are we to turn aside? From the wicked. What example did Paul set? An example of diligence and good order. What should every man do? Work cheerfully and quietly. What did Jesus say? "My Father worketh, I work." What is "well-doing"? Doing as God tells us to do. Is well-doing always easy? No, it is often hard. What will it bring us? Peace from the God of peace. Who stays with all believers? The Lord.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Be diligent for Christ—

- At home.
- At school.
- Among his friends.
- Among his enemies.

Idle hands do Satan's work.

"He that is not with me is against me."

ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.

The Present Privileges of a Disciple.

I. THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH.

Brethren, pray for us. v. 1.

"In every prayer....for you all." Phil.

1. 4.

"Intercession....be made for all." 1

Tim. 2. 1.

II. THE CARE OF THE LORD.

The Lord is faithful. v. 3.

"This seal, the Lord knoweth them,"

2 Tim. 2. 19.

"Keep them from the evil." John 17. 15.