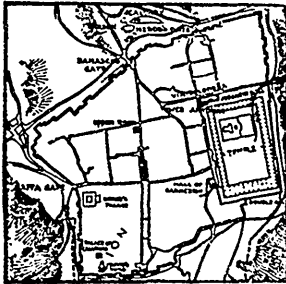


Thus we abide in Christ. **Ye shall ask what ye will**, etc. The knowledge of Christ's words and the spirit of Christ which they should possess would lead them to know just what the Father would give. **Herein is my Father glorified.** The joy and glory of the husbandman lies in the fruitfulness of the vine and branches. **So shall ye be my disciples**; ever growing in faith and fruitfulness. **As the Father hath loved me**; as certainly and as dearly. **Continue ye in my love**; as we live in the atmosphere about us. **If ye keep my commandments**, etc. Compare ch. 14:15. "Love assures obedience, obedience assures love." **Even as I**, etc. Jesus is our pattern in obedience.

III. JOY IN CHRIST.—11-13. These things have I spoken; about the vine and the branches. **That my joy might remain in you**; the joy springing out of the Father's love and from doing the Father's will, the joy of toiling for the good of men. **That your joy might be full.** Jesus takes every sinless joy of life, and makes it richer and fuller. **This is my commandment.** How well this commandment agrees with his own nature and work! **That ye love one another.** No need for a long list of rules. Love will keep us right. **Even as I** (Rev. Ver.), etc. Again we see Jesus as our pattern. **Greater love hath no man.** Jesus mentions the greatest proof of love that any human being can give. **Lay down his life for his friends.** But Jesus laid down his life for his foes.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



It was in an UPPER ROOM that Jesus celebrated, with his disciples, the last Passover before his death, and instituted the Lord's Supper to take the place of the great Jewish feast. The room belonged to a house in one of the narrow, winding streets of Jerusalem. This house, like Eastern houses generally, would have a flat roof, which could be reached by outer steps. It was usual to have a guest-chamber on the roof, constructed

of light materials and not taking up the whole area.

LESSON QUESTIONS

1 What title did Christ give to himself? Where is Israel called a vine? Why were they not the "true" vine? How did Christ prove himself to be the true vine? Who is the husbandman? What is the vineyard? What does God do for it? Show that fruit-bearing is the test of a true disciple. (Matt. 7:20.) Name the fruits of the Spirit. (Gal. 5:22, 23.)

2, 3 How many kinds of branches are there? What is done with the branches which bear no fruit? What does the husbandman do for the fruit-bearing branches? How did the disciples show that Jesus had fitted them to bear more and better fruit?

4-6 What is it to abide in Christ? What is the result of his abiding in us? What has Paul to say of one who is in Christ? (2 Cor. 5:17.) For what should we live? (Shorter Catechism, Ques. 1.)

7-10 How should we treat Christ's words? How does Christ encourage us to pray?

11-13 Show that there is joy in the service of Christ. (John 4:36.)

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Can one be a Christian and not bear fruit?
2. Is it possible for us to love everybody?

A PRAYER

O thou who takest away the sin of the world, take away our sin. Remove the burden that crushes us. Give us an intense longing for likeness to thee. Teach us to hunger and thirst after righteousness that we may be filled. Be thou our helper always, and make us helpers of others. In thy name we ask it, and for thy glory. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That character is known by its fruits.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 93. Which are the sacraments of the New Testament? A. The sacraments of the New Testament are, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper.

The Question on Missions—7. How was the hospital work begun at Ham Heung? The first medical work was done in a small native building, with thatched roof and mud floor, and with very little equipment, but so great was the need that many came for treatment. Gradually the buildings were improved. There is now an excellent little hospital and dispensary in Ham Heung.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What does the husbandman do with the unfruitful branches? With the fruitful?.....

2. What is the proof that one is a disciple of Christ?.....

3. How should a disciple of Christ prove his love?.....

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