

LESSON V—August 1st, 1897.

Paul's Ministry in Corinth. ACTS 18: I-11.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

What success did Paul meet with at Athens? How long did he remain there? What made Corinth important as a missionary centre?

2. Did Aquila and Priscilla ever return to Rome? (Rom. 16: 3-5). Where else did they reside? (1 Cor. 16: 19). Did they return to Ephesus from Rome? (2 Tim. 4: 19). Which name is generally put first? Suggest reasons for this. What evidence that the decree of Claudius referred to did not remain long in force? (Rom. 16: 3; Acts 28: 17).

3. What trade was Jesus taught? (Mark 6: 3). At what places did Paul support himself? (ch. 20: 34; 1 Cor. 4: 12; 9: 12, 15-18 and 1 Thess. 2: 9; 3: 8). Does he apologize for doing so? (2 Cor. 12: 13; 11: 7-12). Did he accept free donations? (2 Cor. 11: 8, 9; Phil. 4: 15). Did he believe in a paid ministry? (1 Cor. 9: 7-18).

5. How does Paul describe his own state of mind at this time? (1 Thess. 3: 1-10; 1 Cor. 2: 1-5). The same word is used of Christ's earnestness. (Luke 12: 50). What should ever "constrain" the christian to earnest service? (2 Cor. 5: 14). Texts illustrating this "constraint"—1 Cor. 9: 16; Jer. 20: 9; Job 32: 18.

6. Was this doing as Christ commanded? (Matt. 10: 14). At what other place did he act similarly? (ch. 13: 51). How did Paul advise Timothy to deal with opposers? (2 Tim. 2: 25). How did Christ treat them? (1 Pet. 2: 23). When does Paul again declare that no lost soul can reproach him? (ch. 20: 26).

7, 8. Name other converts. (Rom. 16: 5, 23; 1 Cor. 1: 14; 16: 15).

9. On what other occasions did the Lord appear to Paul? (ch. 9: 7; 22: 17-21; 23: 11; 27: 23). What Old Testament prophet was similarly encouraged? (1 Kings 19: 18; Jer. 1: 6-8, 19; 15: 15-21).

10. God with his people.—2 Kings 6: 16; Isa. 41: 10; 54: 17; Rom. 8: 31. God knows his own people before they repent and believe.—John 6: 37-39; 15: 16; 17: 2, 6, 9; 13: 48; Rom. 8: 28-30; Eph. 1: 4, 5; 1 Pet. 1: 2).

LESSON VI—August 8th, 1897.

Working and Waiting for Christ. 1 THESS. 4: 9 to 5: 2.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

When was the Thessalonian church founded? Who were its chief persecutors? Who had visited it with a message from Paul? (1 Thess. 3: 2). When was this epistle written? Read it over at one sitting.

9. Brotherly love is a leading virtue. (Rom. 12: 10; Heb. 13: 1; 1 Pet. 1: 22; 2 Pet. 1: 7; 1 Pet. 3: 8). Is the time coming when all shall have more perfect knowledge of God and his will? (Jer. 31: 34; John 6: 45; Heb. 8: 11; 1 John 2: 20; 1 Cor. 2: 15). Brotherly love (Gr. "philadelphia") should expand into philanthropy. (Gal. 6: 10; Matt. 22: 39). Who is our model of brotherly love? (John 13: 34; 15: 12; Eph. 5: 2).

10. Paul commends them in order to stimulate to higher attainments. (ch. 1: 7; 3: 12).

11. Was this warning needed? (2 Thess. 3: 11). Other passages forbidding meddlesomeness, 1 Tim. 5: 13; 1 Pet. 4: 15. Did Paul enforce his precept by example? (Acts 20: 34, 35). By what motives is industry commended? (Eph. 4: 28; 2 Thess. 3: 8; Prov. 10: 4; Ecc. 9: 10; Rom. 12: 11).

12. Christians should commend religion by their behaviour. (Rom. 13: 13; Phil. 4: 8; 1 Pet. 2: 12; 2 Cor. 8: 21; Col. 4: 5; Eph. 5: 15). What special promises to God's people that they shall not suffer want? (Ps. 34: 10; 37: 25; Isa. 33: 16; Heb. 13: 5, 6).

13. What heathen mourning customs were forbidden to the Israelites? (Lev. 19: 28; Deut. 14: 1, 2). Why? (2 Sam. 12: 20, 23). Is natural grief forbidden? (John 11: 33, 35; Phil. 2: 27).

14. On what historical fact does our belief in a blessed resurrection rest? (1 Cor. 15: 12-20; Acts 17: 31).

15. How will those who are alive be prepared to meet Christ? (1 Cor. 15: 52, 53; 1 John 3: 2; Phil. 3: 21).

16. What is the name of the archangel? (Jude 9; Rev. 12: 7). What other angels are named in the Bible? (Daniel 10: 13, 21; 8: 16).

5: 1. Did our Saviour rebuke too great inquisitiveness regarding the future? (Acts 1: 7; Matt. 24: 36).