

THE CHILDREN'S RECORD.

Sabbath School Lessons.

Oct. 15. JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH.

Les., Rom. 5: 1-11. Gol. Text, Rom. 5: 8.
Memory vs. 8-10. Catechism Q. 45-48.

HOME READINGS.

M. Rom. 5: 1-11. Justification by Faith.
T. Rom. 5: 12-21. Grace Abounding.
W. Rom. 6: 1-23. Baptized into His Death.
Th. Gal. 2: 15-21. By the Faith of Jesus Christ.
F. Gal. 3: 1-29. Redeemed from the Curse.
S. Heb. 2: 1-18. Reconciliation for Sins
S. Rev. 5: 9-14. The New Song.

The Apostle, having discussed the doctrine of justification by faith, proceeds in this lesson to give some of the fruits of justification. The first is peace with God (v. 1); the second, ready access to his presence, a sense of his present favor and assurance of his future glory (v. 2); the third, triumph in trial (vs. 3-5); the fourth, the certainty of final salvation (v. 6).

I. *Justified by Faith*, vs. 1-5.—To what does the word *therefore* in verse 1 refer? What is justification? What is here named as the first fruit of justification? Meaning of *peace with God*? How does it flow from justification? Through whom do we obtain this peace? What is the second fruit of justification? Into what state have we access through Christ? What follows from believers being in this state of favor with God? What is the third fruit of justification by faith? Why do believers *glory in tribulation*? (Because of its present effect on their hearts and lives, vs. 3-5). What is the first effect mentioned? The second? The third? What is said of hope? How is the love of God shed abroad in the heart?

II. *Reconciled by Christ's death*, vs. 6-8.—What is the fourth fruit of justification? How does the apostle show the certainty of the believer's salvation? How has God manifested his love for us? What is meant by Christ's dying for the ungodly? What illustration does Paul here use to show the greatness of God's love? What is here meant by the word *righteous*? By the word *good*? What does the word *commendeth* here mean?

III. *Saved by Christ's Life*, vs. 9-11.—What is inferred from the love of God? What is meant by being justified by the blood of Christ? How does the life of Christ secure that of his people? What present benefits do Christians enjoy? What is meant by receiving the atonement? To whom are we indebted for all these blessings?

1. Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through Jesus Christ,
2. We rejoice in hope through Jesus Christ.
3. We triumph in trial through Christ.
4. We shall be finally saved through Christ.
5. How much we should love him, trust him, serve him!

Oct. 22. CHRISTIAN LIVING.

Les., Rom. 12: 1-15. Gol. Text, Rom. 12: 21.
Memory vs. 1, 2. Catechism Q. 49, 52.

HOME READING.

M. Rom. 12: 1-15. Christian Living
T. Rom. 12: 16-21. Revenge Forbidden.
W. Rom. 13: 1-14. Love the Fulfilling of the Law.
Th. 1 Cor. 12: 1-13. Diversity of Gifts.
F. Matt. 5: 38-48. Love your Enemies.
S. John 14: 1-31. Love and Obedience.
S. John 15: 1-19. Love One Another.

The apostle in the preceding part of this epistle treats of the doctrines of Christianity, man's ruined condition by nature, and the way of salvation through Jesus Christ. He now draws from these doctrines important practical lessons.

What was the subject of the last lesson? What did you learn from it? Title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses? Catechism?

I. *A living sacrifice*, vs. 1, 2.—What does Paul first beseech Christians to do? What is meant by the *mercies of God*? By *present your bodies*? By *living sacrifice*? What duty is next enjoined? In what sense is the word *world* here used? Why is this word used to designate the wicked? Meaning of *conformed*? Of *transformed*? What is the nature of the charge here spoken of? What are we here taught about conformity to the world?

II. *A Faithful Service*, vs. 3-8.—To what duty are we next exhorted? How is each one to think of himself? How does the apostle enforce this duty? What inference does he draw from the fact that Christians are *one body*? What constitutes the body one? What makes Christians one? What duty is enjoined? What is each one to do? What *gifts* are specially mentioned? How are these gifts to be exercised?

III. *A Loving Fellowship*, vs. 9-15.—What are we taught about *love*? Meaning of *without dissimulation*? What are the effects of this love? Meaning of *fervent in spirit*? Of *serving the Lord*? To what duties does verse 12 refer? What is our duty under affliction? What duties are enjoined in verse 13? What is our duty towards those who persecute us? What other exercise of love is enjoined?

1. God has bestowed upon us great mercies in the gift of his Son for our salvation.

2. We should therefore consecrate ourselves, all that we have and are, to his service.

3. Whatever of good there is in us is not of ourselves, but of God.

4. Christians are one body in Christ: they should therefore love one another as brethren in Christ.

5. We should seek the good not of our friends only, but of our enemies also.