

SUPT. Among other obligations the law of giving is binding upon every one, but how are we exhorted to make our gifts?

SCHOOL. "Every man according as he purpoeeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver."

X. SUPT. While Paul was in Greece he received word of the condition of the Churches in Galatia, leading him to write the epistle from which this ninth lesson is taken. What is the Topic and Golden Text?

SCHOOL. Topic: Christian Liberty. The Golden Text: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free."

SUPT. In what condition are we taught that the heir is bound so long as he is a child, and wherein is there a parallel state of the Christian?

SCHOOL. "He differeth not from a servant, but is under tutors and governors, even so we when we were children were in bondage under the elements of the world."

SUPT. How are men made free from this bondage?

SCHOOL. By the gift of the Son of God, who was sent "in the fulness of time, that he might redeem them that were under the law, and that we might receive the adoption of sons."

SUPT. "And because you are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son unto your hearts, crying, Abba, Father."

SCHOOL. "Wherefore we are no more servants, but sons; and if sons, then heirs of God through Christ."

HYMN. *The Child of a King.*

I was once an outcast, a stranger upon earth,  
A sinner by choice, an alien by birth;  
But I've been adopted, my name's written down,  
An heir to a mansion, a robe, and a crown.

I'm the child of a King,  
The child of a King;  
With Jesus my Saviour,  
I'm the child of a King.

X. SUPT. The last three lessons of the quarter occur in the Epistle to the Romans, supposed to have been written from Corinth, and designed to set forth the great truths of the gospel as preached by the apostle. What great doctrine is the subject of this tenth lesson?

SCHOOL. Justification by faith.

SUPT. The best proof-text of this grand old doctrine is the Golden Text of this lesson. The school will please repeat it.

SCHOOL. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

SUPT. To whom is this doctrine of justification interesting?

SCHOOL. To us all, scholars as well as teachers, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

SUPT. We are saved from our sins by faith. Do we then make void the law.

SCHOOL. God forbid; yea, we establish the law.

HYMN. L. M. 7f.

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name;  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand:  
All other ground is sinking sand.

XI. SUPT. This lesson tells of the results of a life of faith and love. Will you give the Golden Text as the best summary of the "Blessedness of Believers," spoken of in the Topic.

SCHOOL. "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God."

SUPT. Will the school name some of the blessings which we find particularized in the Holy Scriptures?

SCHOOL. In this life—forgiveness, peace, joy, hope, adoption, access to God, assurance, the Holy Ghost, victory over death. In the life to come—there shall be given glory, to be like Christ, to see Christ, and to be with him forever.

SUPT. What obstacles are named in this lesson over which the called are declared to be conquerors?

SCHOOL. The apostle says, I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

XII. SUPT. The Topic of this lesson is "Obedience to Law." To whom are we taught every soul should be obedient?

SCHOOL. To the higher powers; for there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God.

SUPT. Wherein did Christ teach that we must render to all their dues?

SCHOOL. In answer to the Pharisee's question about the tribute money, when he said, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

SUPT. This principle of obedience is reiterated in this lesson, where we are taught to render tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor; and to owe no man anything but to love one another. Will the school state what they understand to be the practical teachings of this lesson?

SCHOOL. That we have a duty which we owe to our government, a duty which we owe to all men, and that we are to endeavor to fulfil the law.