

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW, SUPPLEMENTAL LESSONS

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TO MAKE READY FOR THE REVIEW—The scholar should revise his Supplemental Bible Work, Scripture Memory Passages, Shorter Catechism Questions 73 to 81. and the Question on Missions for the Quarter.

TEMPERANCE LESSON

Ephesians 5: 6-21. Commit to memory vs. 15, 16.

GOLDEN TEXT—Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.—Ephesians 5: 18.

6 Let no man deceive you with ¹ vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the ² children of disobedience.

7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

8 For ye were ³ sometimes darkness, but ⁴ now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

9 (For the fruit of the ⁵ Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

10 Proving what is ⁶ acceptable unto the Lord.

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather ⁷ reprove them.

12 ⁸ For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

13 But all things ⁹ that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for ¹⁰ whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

Revised Version—¹empty; ²sons; ³once; ⁴are now; ⁵light; ⁶well-pleasing; ⁷even; ⁸for the things which are done by them in secret it is a shame even to speak of; ⁹when they are manifest; ¹⁰everything that is made manifest; ¹¹shine upon thee; ¹²Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise; ¹³foolish, but understand; ¹⁴drunken; ¹⁵riot; ¹⁶one to another; ¹⁷with your; ¹⁸in the name, etc., to God, even the Father; ¹⁹subjecting; ²⁰Christ.

LESSON PLAN

I. Walking in Light, 6-14.

II. Walking in Wisdom, 15-21.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—Darkness and Light, Eph. 5: 6-20. T.—Wise walking, Rom. 13: 7-14. W.—The new man,

14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall ¹¹ give thee light;

15 ¹² See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Wherefore be ye not ¹³ unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

18 And be not ¹⁴ drunk with wine, wherein is ¹⁵ excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

19 Speaking ¹⁶ to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody ¹⁷ in your heart to the Lord;

20 Giving thanks always for all things ¹⁸ unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Je'sus Christ;

21 ¹⁹ Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of ²⁰ God.

Eph. 4: 17-24. Th.—Be ye separate! 2 Cor. 6: 11-18. F.—The better way, 1 Thes. 5: 4-10. S.—Sober living, Titus 2. S.—Waiting, 2 Peter 3: 8-18.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 116 (Supplemental Lesson); 250; 247; 95 (Ps. Sel.); 260 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 255.

Special Scripture Reading—Gal. 5: 22 to 6: 10. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

EXPOSITION

Time and Place—This Epistle was written by Paul at Rome, while in prison awaiting his trial. It was probably addressed to the churches of the Lycus valley in Asia Minor, the name of Ephesus being afterwards inserted as the chief centre of Christianity in the Province.

Lesson Setting—After dealing with the great truth of the church as the body of Christ, Paul reminds the Christians to whom he is writing of the lives they are bound to live as members of Christ's body. This is the connection in which the Lesson Passage occurs.

I. Walking in Light, 6-14.

Vs. 6, 7. *Let no man...vain words.* Do not listen to those who try to make light of these vices which have just been mentioned, vs. 3-5. *Wrath of God.* God will not overlook such wickedness. His holiness must react against it. *Children of disobedience*; those who are disobedient to the will of God, as revealed in the gospel and witnessed to by conscience. *Be not...partakers.* Do not fall

back into their sins.

Vs. 8-10. *Were once darkness* (Rev. Ver.). That evil condition was yours once, but you have left it behind. *Now light in the Lord.* Paul uses the contrast of light and darkness to describe the new condition of knowing God and His will in Christ, as opposed to their former bondage to their own lusts and passions. *Walk as children of light.* This new condition must have a practical effect, must change their daily life. *Fruit of the light* (Rev. Ver.) The necessary moral result of the enlightenment is *all goodness*, that is, active well-doing; and *righteousness*, that is, the character which shuns evil, and *truth*, that is, sincerity of life. *Proving*, etc.; testing all conduct by the standard of whether it is *well-pleasing to the Lord* (Rev. Ver.).

Vs. 11-14. *Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness.* The works of darkness bring no profit, therefore shun them. *Rather reprove*; do more than avoid them, rebuke them fearlessly. For (v. 12) their