

they had done and the patience which they had shown for Jesus' sake. They had been very earnest and very faithful. But they had not the same love for one another which they had once had, and this made Jesus feel sad. He wanted them to be loving one to another as well as faithful in serving him.

The second church of which we are told is the church at Smyrna. Great praise is given to the people of this church because they had been so faithful. Although they were poor in this world's goods, they were rich in heavenly blessings, and although they were to suffer, they would be richly rewarded.

The third church mentioned in our lesson is that at Pergamos. The people of this church, too, had been very faithful to Jesus and for this they were praised. But idol worshipers had caused the church at Pergamos to commit sin. Teachers had come amongst them who were not followers of Jesus. Now Jesus told the people of the church in Pergamos, that, if they did not repent, that is, turn away from all sin, he would be angry with them and punish them.

Jesus told the people at Pergamos that those who overcame sin would receive his special blessing and care. He promised them the hidden manna, that is, food from heaven, for their souls. He told them to repent, which means to turn away from sin and to be sorry for wrong-doing.

Jesus also promised to the people of Pergamos, as a reward of overcoming sin, to give them a white stone with a new name written upon it. Now, in those days, it was the custom, when one was invited to a feast, to give him a small white stone, with his name written upon it, to be used as a ticket for going into the feast. So Jesus will give to all his faithful followers the right to enter heaven and to enjoy all the good things which Jesus has prepared for those who love and serve him lovingly to the end of their life.

Questions on the Lesson

1. To how many churches did Jesus tell John to write? 2. In what country were these churches? 3. Name the seven churches. 4. For what did Jesus praise them? 5. For what were they blamed? 6. Which is the first church mentioned in the lesson?

7. For what did Jesus praise the people of this church? 8. What was wrong in them? 9. For what were the people of the church in Smyrna praised? 10. What two things were promised to the church at Pergamos? 11. What is meant by the "hidden manna"? 12. What by the "white stone"? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

A crown of glory bright
By faith I see
In yonder realms of light
Prepared for me.

Be Thou my shield and sun,
My constant guard,
And, when my work is done,
My great reward. Amen.

—Hymn 588, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—128. What will become of the wicked at the Judgment Day? The wicked will then be driven away forever from the presence of God.

The Question on Missions

11. Tell about the Iere Home. The Iere Home is a home under the care of one of our lady missionaries, where girls up to sixteen years of age live, attend school, learn housework and sewing, and play when work is over. A great deal of time is given in the Home to Bible Study.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

A golden candlestick like the one in the drawing (*copy*) stood in God's holy temple.



Just as it gave light there, Jesus wants each of us to shine for him, and so make others bright and happy.

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD HEED THE WORDS OF
JESUS