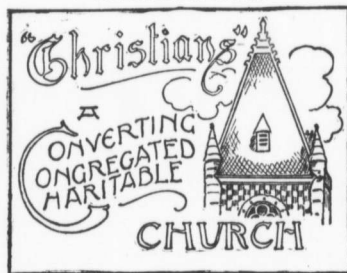


he convinced them by the facts that the Lord made no account of such distinctions, but put all on equal footing in the gift of the Holy Spirit, they proved that they were really in fellowship with Jesus by taking these same uncircumcised people into their own fellowship. And when Barnabas went up to Antioch to see what it meant that all sorts and conditions of people in that wicked city were hearing and receiving the glorious news which the Jews had thought was their own exclusive right, he was simply glad for the grace of God, because he was truly a good man and "full of faith and the Holy Ghost." He did not exhort them to be careful of their old forms of worship, or to make sure whether they had found the Lord in just the way he, or Peter, or any other apostle had found him. He exhorted them all that *with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord*. That is the one essential—only that. Do not be disturbed when methods, ways, and words you have been taught to regard as a necessary part of religion are disregarded by others. The gift of the Spirit depends not upon these things, but upon the faith of the heart in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose prayer for us is "that they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent Me."

### Blackboard.

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The traits and qualities prominent in the character of Christ were so apparent in the lives of his professed followers at Antioch that men named them "Christians," and as such their character was reflected in the Church they formed. The first evidence of their united effort is the conversion of "a great number." Then as a congregation we find them assembling in sacred fellowship and for instruction under

the direction of divinely commissioned men. Lastly, in their benevolent contribution for the relief of brethren in necessity, they prove the genuineness of their discipleship and justify their existence as a Church.

Coloring—"Christians" and "Church," red and purple; "G," white and blue; words, blue; church, brown and gray.

### The Teachers' Meeting.

On this lesson "The Lesson Homily" in the *Illustrative Lesson Notes* will be found peculiarly suggestive....1. The spontaneous impulse of Christian men to spread Christianity. (1) "As light must radiate from a lamp and heat from fire, so a heart warmed with the love of Christ needs to express its love;" (2) We cannot truly possess Christ's love without pity for those who have it not; (3) Loyalty to Christ creates this impulse. 2. There is a universal obligation on Christians to preach Christ in one way or another. 3. Their message was but their own personal experience. 4. "The hand of the Lord was with them."...1. Notice what Barnabas saw—the grace of God; 2. Notice what Barnabas felt—he was glad; 3. Notice what Barnabas said—he "exhorted them all that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord" (*Maclaren*).

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