

LESSON XI—September 12th, 1897.

Christian Living. Rom. 12: 9-21.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

Where was Paul when he wrote this Epistle? At whose house did he reside? Who was his secretary? Who carried it to Rome? Of what great subject does it principally treat? What does the latter part of the Epistle treat of?

9. What does Timothy say about law and love? (1. Tim. 1: 4.) What does Peter say of the relation between obedience and love? (1. Pet. 1: 22.) How should love be shown? (1. John 3: 18.)

10. Brotherly love a test of true discipleship. (John 13: 35.) Respect for others enjoined. (1. Pet. 3: 8; Phil. 2: 3; Rom. 13: 7, 8.)

12. What should be the chief cause of joy to the christian? (Luke 10: 20; Rom. 5: 2.) Is joy a grace bestowed by the Holy Spirit? (Rom. 15: 13.) Is joyfulness a christian duty? (Phil. 3: 1; 4: 4; Heb. 3: 6.)

13. Is hospitality enjoined upon christians? (1. Pet. 4: 9; Heb. 13: 2; Titus 1: 8; 1. Tim. 5: 10.)

15. Why is it most natural that christians should sympathize with one another? (1. Cor. 12: 26.) Should our own interest have our first thought? (Phil. 2: 4.)

16. What does David say about brotherly concord? (Ps. 133: 1.) Is this a characteristic of true religion? (Acts 4: 32.) What church was noted for the absence of it? (1. Cor. 1: 10; 2. Cor. 13: 11. Other passages, Phil. 1: 27; 2: 2; 3: 16; 1. Thess. 5: 13; 1. Pet. 3: 8.)

17. Is revenge forbidden? (Lev. 19: 18; Prov. 20: 22; Matt. 5: 39; 1. Thess. 5: 15; 1. Pet. 3: 9.) Should christians regard the world's standard of propriety so far as it is not wrong? (Rom. 4: 16; 2. Cor. 8: 21.)

20. Was returning good for evil commanded in the law of Moses? (Ex. 23: 4, 5; Prov. 25: 21, 22.) What was Christ's rule? (Matt. 5: 44.)

LESSON XII—September 19th, 1897.

Paul's Address to the Ephesian Elders. Acts 20: 22-35.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

Why did Paul leave Ephesus? What new regions did he visit? What change did he make in his arrangements for return from Corinth? Who accompanied him into Asia? What accident happened at Troas? Trace the voyage on the map. Why did Paul decide not to visit Ephesus?

22, 23. Did Jesus experience a like constraint? (John 4: 4.) Does Paul refer to such moral compulsion on other occasions? (2. Cor. 5: 7; Heb. 11: 8.) Should uncertainty regarding the future hinder us from going forward in the path of duty? (Heb. 11: 8.) What two things did Paul apprehend might happen? (Rom. 15: 30, 31.)

24. Why was Paul without fear? (Rom. 8: 35.) How does Paul speak when nearer the end of his life? (2. Tim. 4: 7.) What is the reward at the end of the course? (Matt. 10: 22; Rev. 2: 10.) Paul asserts his appointment directly by Christ, Gal. 1: 1; Titus 1: 3; Acts 9: 6, 15.

25. How long had Paul preached at Ephesus? Did they see him again?

26. What solemn warning to ministers and teachers is referred to here? (Ezek. 33.)

27. What woe is denounced against those who add to or take from God's word? (Rev. 22: 18, 19.)

28. Does Christ himself speak of his death as a price paid? (Matt. 20: 28.) Paul constantly views it in this light (Eph. 1: 7; 1. Tim. 2: 6; Heb. 9: 12; Rev. 1: 5.)

29. The epistles to the seven churches shew that this fear was realized (2. Pet. 2: 1.)

30. Name some of these Apostate brethren (1. Tim. 1: 20; 2. Tim. 1: 15; 2: 17; 3. John 9; Rev. 2: 6.) Had Paul already some experience of them? (2. Cor. 11: 26; Gal. 2: 4.)

31. Is "weak" sometimes used in a moral sense? (Rom. 15: 1; 1. Thess. 5: 14; Job. 4: 3; 4; Isa. 35: 3.) Why need we not be surprised at finding this new saying of Jesus? (John 21: 25.)