

affliction ; a reference to the persecution of Acts 17 : 5-9. **Joy of the Holy Ghost** ; the joy that comes from receiving the Holy Ghost. **An ensample** (Rev. Ver.). The Thessalonians having followed the example of the missionaries, themselves became examples to others. **Macedonia** ; the Roman province of northern Greece. **Achaia** ; the Roman province of southern Greece. **Sounded forth** (Rev. Ver.). Their joy was like merry bells pealing forth the Christian message. **The word of the Lord** ; the Lord's teaching and commands. **Turned . . from idols** ; gods of wood and stone. **To wait for his Son** ; for the return of Jesus. **Wrath to come** ; the anger of God against sin.

III. A CHURCH'S HOPE.—Ch. 4 : 13-15. **Them that fall asleep** (Rev. Ver.) ; a beautiful picture of death as a safe and peaceful rest, with a joyful awakening. **Sorrow not, even as others.** Christians cannot help sorrowing for their dead, but their sorrow is to be different from that of others. **No hope** ; such as Christians have, of meeting their dead again. **Jesus died** ; a real, terrible death. **Rose again** ; to live forever. **By the word of the Lord** ; by the authority of Jesus Christ. **Not prevent** ; Rev. Ver., "in no-wise precede."

16-18. The Lord himself ; no less a person. **From heaven** ; where he now sits at God's right hand. **With a shout** ; a shout of command like that of a ship's officer to the rowers. **The voice of the archangel** ; echoing the Lord's word of command. **The trump of God** ; the trumpet heralding God's presence. **Dead in Christ** ; Christians who have died. **Comfort one another** ; in your grief for loved ones taken away.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

In Paul's time the houses and shops of THESSALONICA were enclosed by a high wall of stone, where soldiers were always on guard. Of course the explosive shells used in modern warfare can destroy such stone masonry like so much cardboard. Looking down over the town from the hill behind it we see roofs covered with earthen tiles. In the part of the town nearest to this standpoint there are many trees, showing that this is a region of homes. Farther away, towards the harbor, on the streets occupied by shops and offices, factories and warehouses, there are few trees to be seen. Few chimneys are to be seen.

LESSON QUESTIONS

1 What title is here used for God ? Explain the different titles given to the Saviour. What does the word "in" show ? What is meant by "grace" ? How is "peace" obtained ? (Rom. 5 : 1.)

2-5 For what three things in the Thessalonian Christians did Paul give thanks ? How had the gospel come to them ? Where is the gospel called "the power of God unto salvation" ? (Rom. 1 : 16.)

6-10 Whom did the Thessalonian Christians imitate ? To whom did they become an example ? What had they formerly worshiped ? To whose worship had they turned ?

Ch. 4 : 13-15 What description is here given of death ? How are Christians not to sorrow for their dead ? What leads us to believe that Christians will be raised from the dead ?

16-18 Describe the second coming of Christ. What two classes of Christians are here mentioned ? What will happen to each class ?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Can Christians enjoy peace at all times ?
2. Should we expect the second coming of Jesus soon ?

A PRAYER

May we be of those who wait eagerly for thine appearing, Lord Jesus. Teach us the necessity of keeping on guard always if we are to be ready to respond to thy call. Moment by moment may our eyes be fixed on thee, our lives be patterned after thy life, filled with thy Spirit. Teach us how to pray for others' salvation. Led by thy love, may we be shown how to plead with them to accept thee. Warned by thee, may we steer clear of the temptations in our pathway. And always may we live to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—*That the gospel is powerful.*

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 62. *What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment ?* A. The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the sabbath-day.

The Question on Missions—2. Where do the scholars come from ? They come from every part of the Province of Quebec, from the Saguenay, the Metapedia, the Gaspé, and the Ottawa districts. Some come from the cities, but the majority come from the country places. Besides the French-speaking scholars, there are some Italians and Syrians from Montreal.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : The "Great Hymn of the Church"—Primary, 583 ; Junior and Upward, Ps. Sel. 97, 101, 162, 66 (Ps. Sel.), 547, 83.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. For what in the Thessalonian Christians did Paul give thanks ?
2. What comfort did he give to those whose friends had died ?

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