

them, "Have you received the Holy Spirit?"

"We have not even heard of Him," was the reply, "We are followers of John the Baptist."

Then said Paul, "John was indeed a great teacher, who preached everywhere that men should repent and believe on one who should come after him. But he was put to death before Jesus died on the cross, so that he knew nothing about the forgiveness of sins or the gift of the Holy Spirit, which were given only by Christ Himself."

When the followers of John heard this, they at once asked to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, and when Paul had laid his hands upon them as a sign that they were Christ's, the Holy Spirit came upon them so that at once they also were able to speak in different languages and so teach the gospel to all who would hear the message.

Now the number of the people whom Paul first baptized at Ephesus was about twelve.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who went with Paul to Ephesus? 2. To whom did Paul preach while there? 3. What other teacher soon visited the synagogue? 4. What was the message of Apollos? 5. Where had he learned that Christ should come? 6. How did he find out that Jesus was the Saviour? 7. What did he do when he became a believer? 8. How did Aquila and Priscilla further help him? 9. What did Paul say to the followers of John the Baptist? 10. How did they receive the Holy Spirit? 11. What power did He give them? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Once our Lord told His disciples about a young man who asked his father for some money, and then went away from home. He made friends with many wicked people, and spent all his money in foolish ways. At last he had none left, and none of his friends would help him. This brought him to himself, and made him feel how wicked he had been; and he said, "I will arise and go to my father."

So he came back to his father, and his father was so pleased to see him that he kissed him and gave him fine clothes, and

made him a great feast.

Now the kind father is like God, and if we turn to Him and give up our sins, He will forgive us and send His Spirit to help us to be good for Jesus Christ's sake.

Lesson Hymn

Spirit of purity and grace,
Our weakness, pitying see;
O make our hearts Thy dwelling-place,
And worthier Thee. Amen.
—Hymn 111, Book of Praise.

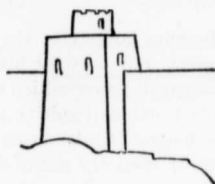
The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM — 17. What are God's works? The world and everything in it, the sun, the moon and the stars.

SHORTER CATECHISM—65. What is forbidden in the fifth commandment? A. The fifth commandment forbiddeth the neglecting of, or doing anything against the honour and duty which belongeth to everyone in their several places and relations.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

If an enemy were attacking you, you would feel safe if you were in a strong tower, and



with a good captain. The Bible says, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower." When God protects us we are safe.

I Have Learned To-day that
JESUS TEACHES ME TO BE LOVING