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While, with ceaseless course, the sun
Hasted through the circling year,
Many souls their race have run,
Never more to meet us here;

Swiftly thus our fleeting days
Bear us down life's rapid stream;
Upward, Lord, our spirits raise;
All below is but a dream.

Thanks for mercies past receive;
Pardon of our sins renew;
Teach us henceforth how to live
With eternity in view;

Bless thy word to young and old;
Fill us with a Saviour's love;
And when life's short tale is told,
May we dwell with him above.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. **A Difference**, v. 1. What visitors became teachers? Who had sent them? Gal. 2. 12. What did they teach? What had Jesus taught about this? Mark. 16. 16.

2. **A Discussion**, v. 2-6. Who disputed this teaching? To what city were they sent? Who were to settle the dispute? Through what cities did they pass? What tidings made the brethren glad? Who received the delegates at Jerusalem? What report was made? Who were offended? What did they insist upon? Who were called together to settle the question?

3. **A Decision**, v. 7-11.—Who was the first speaker? To whom had he preached? What had followed their believing? Chap. 10. 44. From whom was this a gift? What was Peter's conclusion? How alone can any be saved? Acts 16. 31.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson do we find—

1. That good men sometimes differ in regard to duty?
2. That the Holy Spirit is given to all believers?
3. That salvation is alike free to all?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.—(For the entire school). 1. Of what two classes of people was the early Church composed? Jews and Gentiles. 2. What did some Jewish Christians demand? That the Gentiles should become Jews. 3. To whom was the subject submitted? To the Apostles and Church at Jerusalem. 4. By what did Peter declare the Gentiles were purified? By faith. 5. How are both Jew and Gentile saved? Through grace.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Freedom from ceremonial law.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. **A Difference**, v. 1. What was the question causing the difference? From what

party did it originate? What spirit did the teaching show? What reason could be given for such views? What would have been the effect upon the Church of their acceptance?

2. **A Discussion**, v. 2-6. Who took part in the discussion? What was Paul's view of this subject? How did he state it in Gal. 5. 6? Why was the question taken to Jerusalem? Who accompanied Paul on the journey? Gal. 2. 1, 3.

3. **A Decision**, v. 7-11. To what past event did Paul refer, and why? Acts 10. 44, 45. How did this event settle the question in dispute? How had God shown his acceptance of the Gentiles? To what yoke did Peter here refer? How are we free from that yoke? Gal. 5. 1.

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

Where does this lesson teach—

1. As the way to be saved?
2. As the privilege of believers?
3. As to the freedom of disciples?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Who came from Antioch to Judea? Some converted Jews. What did they teach the Gentiles? That they should become Jews. Why was such a teaching wrong? It made salvation depend upon outward forms. What is salvation? The Lord's free gift to us. Who disputed with the Jews? Paul and Barnabas. What did they decide to do? To go up to Jerusalem. Whom did they wish to see? The apostles. What was held when they reached Jerusalem? A meeting of apostles and elders. Why was such a meeting held? To settle the question about the Gentiles. What did Peter tell them? That God made no difference between Jews and Gentiles. Did they all know this? Yes, they had seen the Spirit given to the Gentiles as well as to the Jews. What did Peter mean in speaking of putting a yoke upon the neck of the disciples? Binding them with laws and ceremonies. What was Peter's hope of salvation? The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. What does God look at? The heart. "Thou God seest me." What does God ask of us? "Give Me thy heart."

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

We can do nothing to earn salvation. No outward forms can save us. Jesus only can save us, and therefore we must have Jesus. "For there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.**Seven Privileges of Believers.**

- I. **A DIVINE TRANSFORMATION.**
Declaring the conversion of the Gentiles.
v. 3.
"In Christ.... a new creature." 2 Cor. 5. 17.
"I make all things new." Rev. 21. 5.