

ⁿ 1 Thess. 1, 6. And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost.

^o Rom. 1, 16. I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation unto every one that believeth.

Q. 90. How is the word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?

A. That the word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence,^p preparation,^q and prayer;^r receive it with faith^s and love,^t lay it up in our hearts,^u and practice it in our lives.^v

^p Prov. viii, 34. Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

^q 1 Pet. ii, 1. Wherefore, laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil-speaking. ^v 2. As new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the world, that ye may grow thereby.

^r Pa. cix, 18. Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

^s Heb. iv, 2. The word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

^t 2 Thess. ii, 10. They received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

^u Pa. cix, 11. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

^v James i, 25. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Q. 91. How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?

A. The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him that doth administer them;^z but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of his Spirit in them that by faith receive them.^y

^z 1 Cor. iii, 7. So then, neither is he that planteth anything neither he that watereth, but God that giveth the increase.

^y 1 Pet. iii, 21. The like figure whereunto even

baptism doth also now save us, (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Q. 92. What is a sacrament?

A. A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ, wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the new covenant, are represented,^z sealed, and applied to believers.^a

^z Gen. xvii, 10. This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you, and thy seed after thee; Every man-child among you shall be circumcised.

^a Rom. iv, 11. And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised.

Q. 93. Which are the sacraments of the New Testament?

A. The sacraments of the New Testament are, Baptism,^b and the Lord's supper.^c

^b Mark xvi, 16. He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved.

^c 1 Cor. xi, 23. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread, etc.

Q. 94. What is baptism?

A. Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,^d doth signify and seal our engrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace,^e and our engagement to be the Lord's.^f

^d Mat. xxviii, 19. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

^e Rom. vi, 3. Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into his death

^f Rom. vi, 4. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

LESSONS AND GOLDEN TEXTS.

THIRD QUARTER.

1. July 4.—FIRST CONVERTS IN EUROPE. Acts 16: 6-15. (Read chap. 15: 35 to 16: 5.) Memory verses: 13-15. *Golden Text*—The entrance of thy words giveth light (Psa. 119: 130).

2. July 11.—PAUL AND THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER. Acts 16: 22-34. Read vs. 16-40. Memory verses: 28-31. *Golden Text*—Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. Acts 16: 31.

3. July 18.—PAUL AT THESSALONICA AND BEREAS. Acts 17: 1-12. (Read 1 Thess. chaps 1 and 2.) Memory verses: 10-12. *Golden Text*—They received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily. Acts 17: 11.

4. July 25.—PAUL PREACHING IN ATHENS. Acts 17: 22-34. (Read vs. 13-21.) Memory verses: 24-27. *Golden Text*—God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4: 24.

5. Aug. 1.—PAUL'S MINISTRY IN CORINTH. Acts 18: 1-11. (Read vs. 12-22 and

1 Cor. chaps. 1-3.) Memory verses 8-11. *Golden Text*—Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 3: 11).

6. Aug. 8.—WORKING AND WAITING FOR CHRIST. 1 Thess. 4: 9 to 5: 2. (Read 1 Thess. chaps 4 and 5.) Memory verses: 16-18. *Golden Text*—If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also. John 14: 3.

7. Aug. 15.—ABSTAINING FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS. 1 Cor. 8: 1-13. A temperance lesson. (Read chaps. 8-10.) Memory verses: 12, 13. *Golden Text*—For none of us liveth to himself. Rom. 14: 7.

8. Aug. 22.—THE EXCELLENCE OF CHRISTIAN LOVE. 1 Cor. 13: 1-13. (Read chap. 12.) Memory verses: 4-7. *Golden Text*. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity. 1 Cor. 13: 13.

9. Aug. 29.—PAUL OPPOSED AT EPHES-