

Our Continuing Response ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Scripture—Philippians 3:7-16; Romans 8:26-28.

By Alfred J. Busbacher



Writing to the Philippians, Paul recalled his past life and his experience on the Damascus road...

Paul knew he had not attained perfection, but was determined to press on until he reached his goal...

Bowed down by sin and weakness Christians are forced to seek God's assistance through prayers of the Holy Spirit...

All things work together for good to those who love God and seek to conform to His pattern and purpose...

MEMORY VERSE:—"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ."—Philippians 3:14.

LOVE AND SERVE CHRIST

Faith Develops Ambition

(Editor's note: The following material relating to tomorrow's Sunday school lesson is based on copyrighted outlines produced by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches in the U.S., and is used by permission.)

By R.H. RAMSEY Last week we saw that foundation of Christian growth is initiated by man's response to Jesus Christ, and in Christ, becomes spiritually reborn, a new creature.

Today we shall see how man's continued growth means pressing on to the point where he submits his life utterly to the will of Christ and strives to emulate His example. This continued response to Christ is seen clearly in Paul's epistle to the Philippians, which examines some of the most profound experiences in the Apostles' life.

Prior to the opening verse of today's Scriptural material,

Paul wrote of his own life. He remembered how he had been born into Judaism, "a Hebrew of the Hebrews" and not of mixed stock, with every advantage. He was a member of the very select tribe of Benjamin, which had given Israel its first king (Saul). His religious background meant a great deal to him, and his Jewish brethren held him in high regard. Yet his experience on the Damascus road brought him to the point where he realized he had had his back to God.

For him conversion had meant a right-about-face, and what he had formerly counted as important he now called "refuse." All that this devout man possessed in the way of natural and acquired endowment was nothing to what he received when Christ laid hold on him.

How often we boast of things we possess and pride ourselves on our heritage, our education, our environment. As Paul's ex-

ample shows, there are riches far greater than these, and we would do well to concentrate on those spiritual gifts which money and position can neither buy nor obtain.

Paul, stunned from what he was, great as it was, to what he had become through the power of Christ in his life. He was well aware of the rewards of his present fellowship with Christ, and he was certain of his future deliverance.

As Paul found, Christianity offers a new way of salvation, and above the righteousness of obedience to the law there is a righteousness from God through faith. Through our faith we, like Paul, become seized with an ambition to "know Him," to grow through knowledge of Christ. To know Christ is to love and to serve Him, and when we do this, He imparts Himself to us until we become more and more Christlike and our lives are identified with His.

Recognizing that the Christian experiences involve struggle and further attainment, Paul stressed his own lack of having attained a state of complete perfection. He knew this still lay before him and, likening his situation to a race being run toward this goal, he emphasized his determination to press on until he wins his prize, "the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Likewise, the Christian must strive for a more perfect spiritual life in order to be a true and worthy servant of the Lord. In so doing, the Christian gains a far better understanding of what God requires of him.

Our lesson now shifts to Paul's letter to the Roman, chapter 8, verses 26 to 28. Here his words are exceedingly rich and profound. In preceding verses he had been speaking of the fact that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together, waiting, hoping, desiring to possess the Spirit. As we are saved by hope, so also does the Spirit help us in our weakness. In the face of the general moral weakness of mankind, Christians are forced to seek God's assistance. Not knowing what to pray for, or even how to pray effectively, we are forced back

upon the Spirit. Our prayers are weak and ineffective until we realize we are not alone. The Holy Spirit comes to our aid, and then we pray with great power.

God understands man's plight because of the working of the Holy Spirit within him, which searches the human heart and works to direct our prayers into conformity with the perfect will of God. This is our assurance of salvation.

Paul gives us a further glimpse into the eternal pattern in his assurance that in everything God works with us for good, but only to those who love God and are called according to His purpose. Everything is against the worldly man who deliberately continues without Christ—God's character, God's law, God's holiness, God's judgment. But to those who love God and seek to conform to His purpose and pattern, everything will work harmoniously for good as the result of God's marvelous providence.

Without Word Life Misdirected

The fundamental raison d'être of the Bible Societies remains always the same—it is that man is meant to live by the Word of God, that without that word his life is misdirected, that with that word it finds fulfillment. These were the opening words of an address by Dr. W.A. Visser't Hooft, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, at the 161st annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society on May 5. Dr. Visser't Hooft emphasized the special role of the Bible Societies in our modern world—in the age of technical civilization, which has its roots in biblical religion, and in guiding church renewal on biblical lines.

The Rev. Dr. N.J. Cockburn, General Secretary, in his report for the year, impressed on those present the great work being done by the Bible Societies. "If the world circulation achieved in 1964 is maintained, it follows that by the time I end my report in 20 minutes time a further 2,750 copies of Scriptures will be placed in the hands of those who can and will read." Dr. Cockburn also reported on the progress on the Feed the Minds Campaign for Scriptures and Christian literature, which represents the United Kingdom's contribution to the "God's Word for a New Age" Campaign.

Methodists Seek Close Relations

PLYMOUTH, England (AP) Britain's Methodists voted overwhelmingly Monday to seek closer relations with the Church of England, which they left two centuries ago.

The 66 laymen and ministers voted by an equal margin, however, against seeking closer ties with all Christian churches, in a move which appeared aimed at preventing the forging of links with the Roman Catholic Church.

The delegates to the annual Methodist conference approved 601 to 14 a resolution presented by Dr. Harold Roberts, principal of Richmond College, calling on the church to seek closer relations with the Anglican Church.

The delegates also voted down an amendment calling on the conference to reaffirm its "resolve to seek closer relations between the Church of England and the Methodist Church, provided that three fundamental principles—the supreme authority of Scripture, justification of grace through faith alone and the priesthood of all believers—on which both churches were founded are seen to be unambiguously affirmed in any specific proposals to this end."

The Methodists now must agree to the setting up of a joint commission with the Anglicans to discuss questions of doctrine, discipline and procedure. Most Methodists favor closer relations with the Anglicans but differ on how to go about attaining such ties.

Letter Says Canada's Flag Adopted Without Authority

TORONTO (CP)—A Toronto monthly newspaper, the Independent Businessman, has published a letter which, the paper says, shows "our national flag came about in a way that was unprecedented and so illegal."

The letter, addressed to Prime Minister Pearson from John Fenston, a Toronto lawyer, contains a legal argument which concludes that the recently-adopted maple leaf flag is not necessarily Canada's flag in law.

The letter reads in part: "If I am correct, it would appear that having started with some 2,000 flags, having gone through months of agony, distress and anguish in the parliamentary debates... we now end up with no flag at all, in law."

The letter quotes British parliamentary precedent to show that Canada's flag—which was designated by royal proclamation—is not legal since royal proclamations must first be authorized by parliamentary statute.

When Ontario adopted the modified union jack as its flag, he writes, it followed the correct procedure. First came the law which gave the Lieutenant-Governor the right on the Queen's behalf to proclaim the flag of Ontario.

On Dec. 17, 1964, the Canadian Senate adopted a resolution "that this House do recommend to the government that such steps as may be necessary be taken to have designated as the national flag of Canada... (the flag in question)."

On Jan. 28, 1965, a royal proclamation was issued authorizing the maple leaf flag.

But, writes Mr. Fenston, "a resolution is not a statute." The proclamation should have been preceded by a statute and "the proclamation is therefore void," he concludes.

Thompson Backs Favreau Decision

RED DEER, Alta. (CP)—Robert Thompson, National Social Credit party leader, says Prime Minister Pearson is "justified" in keeping Guy Favreau in his cabinet.

Mr. Thompson said in an interview here Mr. Favreau is "one of the most stable and capable men in the province of Quebec."

"He has proven his capabilities and the Dorion report did not reflect on his integrity," he said.

The Social Credit leader said a further inquiry into the Lucien Rivard affair should be made because not everyone was uncovered in the Dorion investigation.

Chief Justice Frederic Dorion's terms of reference were not sufficient for a complete investigation, Mr. Thompson said.

MONSTER SEEN IN LOCH NESS

INVERMORISTON, Scotland (AP)—Two brothers reported they saw the Loch Ness monster Wednesday—and it's jet black, whale-sized and has shark-like fins on its spine.

William Cameron, 32, a Glasgow chef, and his brother James, 17, said they were setting up a camp on the bank of the loch when Nessie, as he is affectionally known to resort owners of the area, showed up.

"I was down at the lochside washing my hands when I noticed waves suddenly rolling in," said William. "I looked up, and there it was. I shouted for my brother."

"We saw about 20 feet of the body. It had about a dozen fins like shark's fins on its back. Its skin was jet black and shining. It was easily as big as a whale, if not bigger."

"It's a terrific size," James agreed. "I reckoned it must be at least 50 feet long. A mass of bubbles rose up to the surface after it disappeared."

Appearances of the monster, often at the outset of the tourist season, have been reported for decades.

Stunt Flier Is Killed

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Famed speed and stunt flyer Paul Mantz was killed Thursday when a specially-built plane he was flying for a movie scene crashed on the desert, 20th Century-Fox studio reported.

Bobb Rose, another stunt pilot with Mantz in the plane, was injured. He was taken to hospital in Yuma, Ariz. His condition was not immediately known.

Mantz, 61, and Frank Tallman operated the Tallman air service, which supplies flying thrills for movies and television and does test piloting.

BIBLE LECTURE

Svend Christensen, who opened the Upton Gospel Chapel in 1948, has returned to the island to hold a two week series of Bible lectures in the Upton Gospel Chapel beginning July 11 through until July 24. He will also be administering the Word at Emmanuel Bible Camp each morning.

CALVARY TEMPLE

PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA Upper Prince Street Rev. C. K. Bean, Pastor L. Perry, Assistant Pastor

9:15 a.m.—Radio broadcast, Summerside Station 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Classes for all ages 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:30 p.m.—Pastor's Subject: "SIGNS OF THE TIMES"

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St. Paul's Anglican Church

Established 1769 by Royal Foundation The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.T., Rector Organist and Choir Director George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O., (CHM) A.R.C.M.

TRINITY IV 8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion Celebrant: Rector 11:00 a.m.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON Subject: "THE OTHER SIDE OF LIFE" YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND ALL OUR SERVICES.

Charlottetown Bible Chapel

235 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave. Services: 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Speaker: Blake Matthews, Arkona, Ontario "The Old Book... the New Birth... the Precious Blood... the Blessed Hope"

BIRCHWOOD FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Birchwood St. near Longworth Ave.) Minister: Rev. W. R. Underhay, B.A. No service in the morning Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

The Salvation Army

"Home of Evangelism Since 1865" Great George Street Capt. Ray Nelson 55 Villa Avenue

Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m. Sunday School—10 a.m. Holiness Meeting—7 p.m. Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Home League (Public meeting for ladies) Thursday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY"

Scallop Catches Reported Good

YARMOUTH, N.S. (CP)—Dragger skippers from here and other Nova Scotia ports are reporting good catches from scallop beds off the Virginia coast, but are concerned about how long it will last.

Capt. Arnold Dentremont landed 30,000 pounds this week

from the grounds about 10 miles from here. Other catches were between 20,000 and 25,000 pounds. Because of warm water temperatures the draggers are limited to five or six days of fishing so they return to port with the catch in good condition. About 60 draggers are working the grounds and the Nova Scotia skippers say it is only a matter of time before the beds are depleted.

The Kirk of S. James

Organist and Director of the Choirs Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B.Mus., A.R.C.C.O. JULY 11, 1965 11:00 a.m.—Public Worship Speaker: Rev. A. Lorne MacKay, B.A., B.D., DD Solo: My Heart Ever Faithful—Bach Miss June Foster Sermon: The things which are revealed.

St. Peter's Cathedral

Stachford Square ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Davies, M.A., Rector Rev. Canon E. M. Malone, M.A., D.O. Honorary Assistant Priest Miss Suzanne Brenton, Lic. Mus., Organist Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director July 11—The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist 8:45 a.m.—Matins 11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist & Sermon 7:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon Services conducted by the Rev. Robert S. B. Whitman Visitors are cordially welcome at all services

First Baptist Church

Corner of Prince and Hurry Streets Rev. Malcolm F. Eason, B.A., B.D., Minister Mrs. V. L. Dingwall, Organist and Choir Director 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages 11:00 a.m.—Rev. M. M. Nesbitt, O'Leary Baptist Church, Guest Preacher Solo: Mr. Donald A. Hutchinson "The Lord's Prayer (Malotte)" 7:30 p.m.—Rev. M. M. Nesbitt, O'Leary Baptist Church, Guest Preacher Solo: Mrs. S. H. Burhoe and Mrs. Leslie Lohmer "In The Dawn of Eternal Day"

Wednesday 7:30—Prayer Meeting. A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Charlottetown, P.E.I. Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A. Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwas, B.A., B.D. Organist and Director of Choirs: Mr. Joseph B. Herdman

11:00 a.m.—Nursery Care and Crrib Room in Social Hall 11:00 a.m.—Guest Preacher—Rev. H. E. D. Ashford, M.B.E., B.A., B.D., D.D. Solo: "We Praise Thee, Lord (Gloria) Vivaldi Mr and Mrs. David Hall 7:30 p.m.—"THE LAMB OF GOD" (Rev. John G. E. Ball) Solo: "The Lord My Shepherd Is" Austin Lovelace—Mrs. David Hall (Note change in time)

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH

Kirkwood Drive Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. J. B. Herdman, L.R.A.M. 11:00 a.m.—Nursery 11:00 a.m.—Nursery Care 11:00 a.m.—"THE CHURCH OF CHRIST" Solo: "Fear Not Ye, O Israel" (Oudley Buck)—Mrs. David Cox "YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US"

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH

15 Christie Drive, Parkdale Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister. Mr. Leslie Biscoe—Organist and Director of Choirs 10:00 a.m.—Child care in church hall. 10:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP (Please note time) Sermon: "MY YOKE IS EASY" Solo: "My Sanctuary"—Bookley (Mr. Gordon Jensten) You are welcome to worship with us

Central Christian Church

219 Kent Street MORNING 11:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages 11:00 a.m.—Worship service and the Lord's Supper Sermon: "HOW MUCH ARE YOU WORTH?" SERVICES AT CANOE COVE CHRISTIAN CAMP (1) at 3 p.m. this afternoon (2) Sunday evening service at 7 p.m. NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO EVENING SERVICE AT CENTRAL CHRISTIAN TONIGHT. Organist: Mr. Billy Matthews "A WARM WELCOME"

Zion Presbyterian Church

Corner Prince and Grafton Streets The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, B.A., Minister Miss Roberta Shaw, Deaconess Mrs. Harvey MacKinnon, L.Mus., R.Mus. Organist and Choir Director. Supply Organist: Miss Florence Simmons 9:30 a.m.—SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Calvin Church, Memorial 10:00 a.m.—Bible Class 11:00 a.m. Nursery School 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Sermon: CHRISTIAN BAPTISM Solo: "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" Mrs. Christopher Gledhill 7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP Sermon: TURNING WATER INTO WINE Solo: Selected—Mrs. E. R. Hennessy VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

THREE CHEERS



Here comes the winner! Can he hold that first place position, or will he fail? In the eyes of these youngsters, victory is the most important thing in the world. Everything hinges on the outcome of this contest!

Enthusiasm is part of successful living, stimulating the imagination, and inspiring the mind. It is contagious, too, and can affect co-workers, friends, families. It is essential to organizations as well as to individuals.

Through the centuries a rich spiritual enthusiasm has been handed down by the Church, one of the greatest institutions on earth. Its members, working together, fired by the enthusiasm of faith, can give you renewed inspiration, and strength.

Why not attend church next Sunday? Become a part of this great fellowship of believers! You, too, can be a winner.

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