

Scripture—Matthew 28:16-20; II Corinthians 5:16-21; Ephesians 3:7-13, 6:10-20.



With the authority of the second Person of the Trinity, Godhead, Christ commands the evangelization, baptism and teaching of the nations, promising to be with us always. — Matthew 28:16-20.

Through Christ's death on the Cross man has become reconciled with God and through Christ God offers salvation. Those who accept are spiritually reborn, becoming new men. — Corinthians 5:16-21.

The church is the active body of Christ at work among men. We are members of that body and through us the redemptive message of Christ must be proclaimed. — Ephesians 3:7-13.

The Christian life is not easy and neither is it popular. But God provides redeemed man with weapons and armor to withstand evil forces. — Ephesians 6:10-20.

MEMORY VERSE: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." — Matthew 28:19,20.

CHURCH ASSIGNMENT

Task Of Proclaiming The Gospel

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 THE CHURCH is something vastly more significant than the gathering together of people throughout the world to believe in Jesus Christ. It is a divine creation, brought into being under the power of the Holy Spirit and through the centuries has been supported and guided by this same Holy Spirit. It is the body of Christ, and we are members of that body. Through us—and the church—God strives to work His will among men.

The basic mission of the church is found in the paragraphs from Matthew assigned to our lesson. Here we have not only Christ's threefold command to the disciples—to evangelize the nations, to baptize the believers and to teach the saved—but also His claim to supreme authority. His position as the second Person of a Trinity Godhead, and His promise to be with us always.

We can only speculate whether Paul ever knew Jesus in the flesh; but we do know that Paul encountered the new and spiritualized Christ on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-16), and experienced a tremendous conversion which turned him from persecutor to Apostle. He was born again in a new creature whose thoughts were ever after upon the divine, risen and glorified Christ who is both in heaven and upon the earth. Christ was insistent upon the necessity of this spiritual rebirth and it has become essential to all Christian teaching. The spiritual Christ enters the nature of man, mixes with it, takes it over, becomes its motivating force, and man emerges as a new creature. It is a phe-

nomon of divine grace, an infusion of spiritual power into the affairs of men which has throughout the centuries astonished the world with its unprecedented immeasurably insignificant changes.

Equally important is the affirmation that through Christ's death on the Cross God has granted the forgiveness of sins and reconciled man to Him. How this actually happened is a divine mystery, but with Christ's sacrifice, something of cosmic significance took place. God, Himself, suffered for man's sins in the Crucifixion, and the result was reconciliation between God and man and the offering of the precious gift of salvation and eternal life for all men.

This, then, is the "good news" of the New Testament, the redemption Gospel message which the church—and its members—are called to give witness to. Some are called to become full-time ministers; others are commissioned by the church to go forth as ministers and missionaries to foreign lands. But

the great bulk of the members of the church give witness to Christ and His loving power by living a Christian life amid the circumstances in which we find ourselves—the home, the office, the shop, the social circle.

Though the mission of the church is primarily to proclaim the Gospel, the church involves itself in many other activities. It teaches its adherents. It sends forth missionaries. It establishes schools and colleges. It attempts to bring its principles—the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God; love, compassion, justice and concern for others—upon the life community, nation and, ultimately, the world.

Thus, the church is the active body of Christ at work among the affairs of men. We are members of that body and through us the message of Christ must be proclaimed. In us the goodness of Christ must be established and manifested. Through us the projects advancing God's kingdom must be carried into effect.

Greek Schools Share Bible Distribution

All elementary schools around Arides, Macedonia, in northern Greece, have shared in a Bible distribution campaign. Suggested by the local priest, this project was carried out with his help and the co-operation of the local inspector of schools. In the past two years Bibles have been distributed to each family in three separate villages of the area, states Wayne Kurtz in The Canadian Mennonite. It was at the suggestion of the local priest that the program of placing Bibles in the schools of the area was started.

New Testaments purchased with money from friends in North America were given to the various schools. Gospels of Matthew were handed out to each boy and girl in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

The children listened carefully as the priest in his long black robe urged them to use this gift, to take it home and to read it regularly. The light in the eyes of the children, their smiles and the "Thank You" on their lips, showed the appreciation they felt.

In all, 40 schools received New Testaments and 1,923 children accepted copies of the Gospel of Matthew. Religion is a regular class period in the Greek schools. Most of them had had no Bibles.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS Sunday, April 3: Mark 11: 1-14. Monday, April 4: Mark 11: 15-33. Tuesday, April 5: Mark 12: 1-17. Wednesday, April 6: Mark 13. Thursday, April 7: Mark 14: 1-26. Friday, April 8: Mark 15. Saturday, April 9: Isaiah 53: 13-53.

IN-LAWS WORRY LESS MONTREAL (CP)—Business has tripled in the Marriage Counselling Service's 10 years here but the number of people with in-law problems is only one-third of the first year's figures. Director Mrs. Dorothy Barrier thinks this is because more older women are working and have less time to concern themselves with their children's families.

TIME JUST FLIES MISCOUCHE, P.E.I. (CP)—Mary A. DesRoches keeps busy by playing the piano and violin, knitting, crocheting and playing cards. Now 55, Mrs. DesRoches says hard work is the reason for her long life.

Ontario To Drop Grade 8 Exams

TORONTO (CP) — Ontario's Grade 13 departmental examinations are to be abolished in stages and by 1968 will have become "part of the educational history of the province," Education Minister William Davis announced here.

Mr. Davis told the legislature Grade 13 "has for some time been a cause of public debate and concern and unveiled a plan to 'eliminate the objectionable features' of that year's final examinations over the next two years.

By 1968, the minister said, persons applying for university entrance will write aptitude and achievement tests and the schools themselves will be given sole responsibility for conducting the school-leaving examinations at the Grade 13 level.

Mr. Davis said that this year departmental examinations will be set as in the past but the final mark in a subject will consist of 35 per cent teachers mark—now 5 per cent—and 65 per cent examination mark.

In 1967 the same formula will apply "in order to make a smooth transition" in the initial year tests will be administered by the service for admission to university and college.

Favoritism Is Reported

OTTAWA (CP) — A Liberal senator has charged there was favoritism to a high degree in Quebec judicial appointments, especially while Guy Favreau was justice minister. Jean-Francois Pouliot (Quebec), demanding changes in the Judges Act in the Senate, said some judges appointed were incompetent and others were appointed for political reasons.

"A measure, which will add eight new judges to courts in Ontario, Quebec, Alberta and New Brunswick, was given third readings. In an apparent reference to Mr. Justice Leo Landreville, the senator said it was embarrassing that Parliament had to pass an act to add an additional Supreme Court judge to Ontario 'because one judge was busy in court'."

The dealings of Justice Landreville 10 years ago with Northern Ontario Natural Gas Co. are subject of a judicial inquiry.

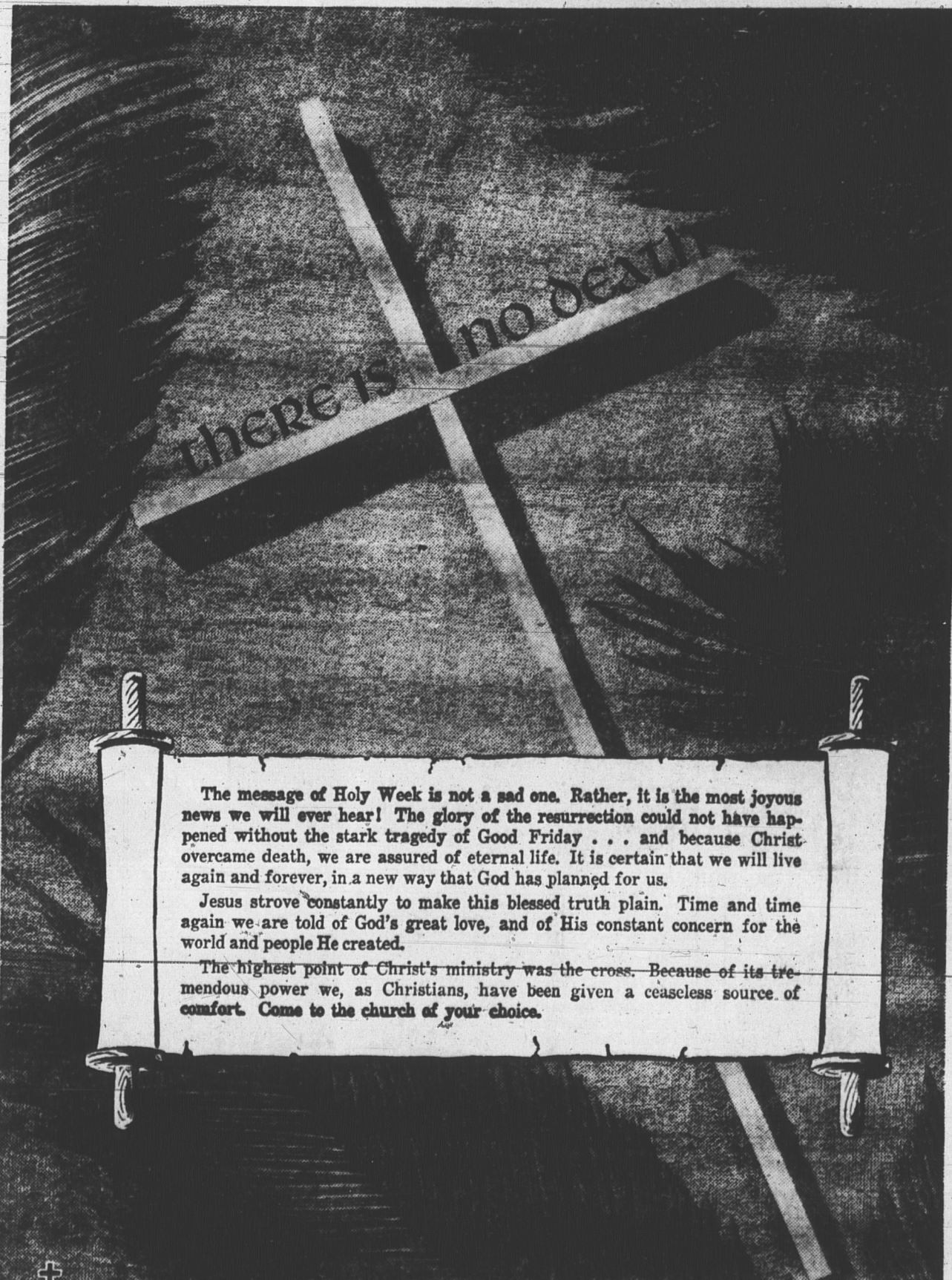


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SNOW RAISED BILLS way this year cost city and state authorities more than Abnormal spring snow in Nor- \$3,000,000 to clear.

Central Christian Church 219 Kent Street. Morning service at 10:00 a.m. Bible School for all ages. Evening service at 7 p.m. Special Service.

LET'S GET IT STRAIGHT! God Spoke Through The Prophets. The Truthfulness of Bible Prophecy is the assurance of our eternal hope in Christ.

The Salvation Army Great George Street. Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m. Holiness Meeting—11 a.m.

BIRCHWOOD FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (Birchwood St. near Longworth Ave.) Minister: Rev. W. R. Underhay, B.A.

CALVARY TEMPLE PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA Upper Prince Street. 9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, Summerside Station.

Christian Reformed Church 155 Mt. Edward Road. 10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship (English).

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH 13 Christie Drive, Parkdale. Morning service at 9:45 a.m. Palm Sunday.

Sherwood Christian Bible School (Meeting in Sherwood Elementary School) A Sunday Bible School for all ages.

The Kirk of St. James Minister: The Rev. Malcolm A. McCuaig, A. B. D. 11:00 a.m. "THE FESTIVAL OF APARADAY"

First Baptist Church Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets. Rev. Malcolm F. Harlow, B.A., B.D., Minister.

Charlottetown Bible Chapel 235 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave. 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH Kirkwood Drive. Minister: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A.

Zion Presbyterian Church Corner Prince and Grafton Streets. The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, B.A., Minister.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH Charlottetown, P.E.I. Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A.

St. Peter's Cathedral Rochford Square. Anglican Church of Canada. Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Davies, M.A., Rector.

St. Paul's Anglican Church Established 1769 by Royal Foundation. The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.I., Rector.