

God Is a Living Spirit

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Alfred J. Buescher

Scripture—John 14:15-18; Acts 2:1-4; Romans 8:9-27; I John 4:13-21.



Though Jesus had prepared them the disciples did not accept His death. A Comforter was promised, but Christ had to leave earth before God's will could be accomplished.—John 16:7-15.

The Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples at Pentecost. They heard a rushing wind, felt an outpouring of spiritual power, and were given tongues to witness.—Acts 2:1-4.

God intends us to develop spiritually until our souls dominate our bodies. Christ and His Spirit dwelling in us are the means by which this process takes place.—Romans 8:9-27.

God is our Father; we are all His children and brothers. His love of us is perfected in our love of our fellow-man.—I John 4:13-21.

MEMORY VERSE: "Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he dwells in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit."—I John 4:13.

WRITER EXPELLED
SALISBURY (Reuters)—Eric Tobins, Time-Life magazine's correspondent in Rhodesia, has been declared a prohibited immigrant, informed sources said Wednesday. Tobins, who had lived in Rhodesia for 13 years, left Rhodesia Friday for neighboring Zambia.

GLORIOUS MESSAGE

The Holy Spirit In Our Lives

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By R.W. RAMSEY

Probably the most glorious message of the Bible, both in the Old and New Testaments, is that God treats us not with justice alone, but primarily with love. As the waiting, loving Father went forth to meet the Prodigal Son with arms opened wide in welcome and a heart opened in forgiveness, so God meets us—sinners and rebels against His sovereign power. God is the redeemer, and in spite of our sin He forgives us and has sent His Son, Christ Jesus, to lead us back into the ways of righteousness and obedience.

The God who does this is a living spirit. And when this Spirit comes into the life of a believer the miracle of redemption takes place.

Believing Jesus to be the long-promised Messiah, the disciples could not accept His death, though He prepared them

for it, talking about it and the Holy Spirit more and more frequently as the time approached. They had to see Him risen in the flesh, linger with Him forty days, and then see Him ascend into heaven before they understood even a small part of the significance of His death.

As He left His disciples, Christ assured them He would send them a "Comforter" to "reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." This Comforter would become an inner conscience speaking to all, rebuking our unbelief, teaching us the nature of true righteousness, warning us of the coming judgment upon all evil. Jesus had to leave the earth before the Comforter could be sent and the full cycle of God's purpose be accomplished.

After the Resurrection, Jesus told the disciples to remain in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came upon them. Forty days passed and the disciples assembled to celebrate the Feast of the Pentecost in the upper room of a Jerusalem home. Suddenly the Spirit of God was upon them: a sound from heaven as of a rushing, mighty wind filled the room; the disciples, realiz-

ing that something of great spiritual significance was taking place, felt an outpouring of spiritual power. Cloven tongues of fire appeared and sat upon each one of them, and this tiny group of people upon whom the Spirit of God descended began speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

We see here a phenomenon of vast proportions and significance. The living Spirit of God descended upon men's hearts, bestowing upon them divine power to become witnesses of Christ, in either their own tongue or tongues foreign to them. Thus was the Christian Church founded, miraculously and under the direct power of God's Holy Spirit.

In his letter to the Romans Paul writes, "Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are sons of God." These three verses summarize the teachings of the passages from Romans included in our lesson.

God intends that we develop as spiritual beings until our souls dominate our bodies. Jesus Christ is the means by which this process takes place. His Spirit dwells in us, lifts us to spiritual height, enables us to forsake our sins, gives us the power to continue along the divinely appointed pathway. The first Epistle of John has been popularly termed his love-letter to all mankind. Here God is set forth as the Father of all men. Over and over we are called children of God and brothers one of another. We are loved by God because we are His children; as that God who is in Himself, love, dwells in our hearts, so we, as true Christians, are to love our brothers also. Not to do so is to imply that we have never truly known the love of God. Clearly then, it is in our exercise of brotherly love that God's love is perfected.

This perfection refers not to the strength or purity of love as a sentiment, but to its bearing fruit in deeds which prove its reality and fulfill its purpose. This is effective perfection, for all that life most profoundly signifies is contained in the thought of our final responsibility to God.

SPEAKER

Rev. Frank B. Stille, BA, BEd, BD., minister of Caledonian United Church, will be the featured speaker at a Forum for Elders and Stewards of the United Church, to be held at Trinity Church, Charlottetown, Sunday, February 6 at 2 p.m. Mr. Stille will take as his subject "The Church Must Re-examine Its Relevance and approach to a rapidly changing world." All interested church workers are expected to attend this meeting which will conclude at 4.30.

Wilson Has Tentative Vote Plans

LONDON (Reuters)—Prime Minister Wilson has drawn up tentative plans to call a general election next month—possibly March 24—but has made no final decision, a highly placed source said here. The source said Wilson would put his plans before cabinet ministers and top labor party leaders at a special joint meeting Sunday. A clear indication of his choice, whether to call a March election or wait until October, may emerge after that, the source added.

\$48,000 For Early Bible

Paying \$48,000 for a Bible is not an every day occurrence. Reuters news agency reports from London that a San Francisco dealer, John Howell, recently paid this amount during an auction for a copy of the first complete edition of the Bible in English.

The Bible, dated 1535, and one of the rare first editions of Miles Coverdale, an early English translator, was among the books and manuscripts from Chicago's Newberry Research Library, a New York dealer, El Dieff, paid \$69,000 at the same auction for a Latin edition of the Bible, printed in Venice in 1746. First editions of the King James version are not as scarce as the Miles Coverdale editions. To get these books in nearly new condition is a rarity, however. Copies of Coverdale, Tyndale, Wycliffe, Geneva, Bishops and King James versions are in

the Toronto Library of the Canadian Bible Society, and may be seen there.

The Wycliffe Bible was the first complete Bible in English and was issued between 1380 and 1384. This was the first Bible to be divided into chapters. The Gutenberg Bible of 1455-56 was the first printed Bible. The Coverdale Bible was the first printed English Bible, issued in 1535.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS
Sunday, Feb. 6: Philippians 2: 1-13.
Monday, Feb. 7: Colossians 1: 10-20.
Tuesday, Feb. 8: 1 Thessalonians 4.
Wednesday, Feb. 9: 1 Timothy 6: 11-17.
Thursday, Feb. 10: Titus 3.
Friday, Feb. 11: Philemon.
Saturday, Feb. 12: Hebrews 1: 1-24.

SWEDES LIKE SPEED

Europe's largest wind tunnel, capable of speeds seven times that of sound, has been built near Stockholm.

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"COME AND HEAR ALL YE THAT FEAR GOD"

Ps. 66-11.
THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL: THAT Paul the Apostle said: "Is the power of God unto salvation, to everyone that believeth".
Rom. 1-16.
In the GOSPEL HALL
At Corner of Upper Prince and Summer St.
Lord's Day 7:30 p.m. Week Nights 8 p.m.
—Speakers—
Frank Fearney of Vancouver and Robert Mellwaine, Charlottetown
All Welcome — No Collections.

The Salvation Army

Great George Street
Capt. Ray Nelson
Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m.
Sunday School—10 a.m.
Holiness Meeting—11 a.m.
Services to be conducted by the Corps Cadets and Major J. Ferguson.
Salvation Meeting—7 p.m.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Home League (Public meeting)
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.
A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY

Central Christian Church

219 Kent Street
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and the Lord's Supper
Sermon: "THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN"
Anthem: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
(Parry)—Soloist: Miss Shirley Graham
(THIS SERVICE TO BE BROADCAST)
7:00 p.m.—EVENING SERVICE
Sermon: "DON'T BE A FOOL"
Minister: Mr. W. O. Weale
Organist: Mrs. Helen MacRae, A.R.C.M.
WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

Sherwood Christian Bible School

(Meeting in Sherwood Elementary School)
A Sunday Bible School for all ages.
Classes each Sunday 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting in homes of members.
A very cordial invitation is extended to all residents of Sherwood and vicinity.
A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

The Kirk of St. James

Minister: The Rev. Malcolm A. McCaig, A.A., B.D., Director of Music
Christopher Glenhill, M.A., B. Mus., ARCCO
11:00 A.M.
Sermon: "WHY I AM A CHRISTIAN"
Anthem: "Go Not Far From Me, O God."
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Churchtime Nursery
11:30 a.m.—Children's Corner
You Are Invited To Worship With Us

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH

Kirkwood Drive
Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis
Organist: Mrs. J. B. Herdman, L.R.A.M.
CHURCH SCHOOL:
9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate, Senior Church School
11:00 a.m.—Nursery, Primary and Kindergarten
11:00 a.m.—"THE LOVE OF GOD"
Anthem: "All Creatures of Our God and King"
You Are Welcome To Worship With Us.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Charlottetown, P.E.I.
Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A.
Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwas, B.A., B.D.
Organist: Mr. J. B. Herdman
9:45 a.m.—Senior, Intermediate and Juniors
11:00 a.m.—Primary and Kindergarten
11:00 a.m.—Crib Room and Nursery up to two years
11:00 a.m.—"PAUL'S CREDENTIALS" Rev. J. G. E. Ball
Anthem: "Faster, We Praise Thee" Eric Thiman
3:00 p.m.—Religion and Life Classes
3:00 p.m.—Church Membership Class
7:00 p.m.—"HOW TO RECEIVE BAD NEWS" Rev. J. Ball
Quartet: "Lead, Me, Lord" S. S. Wesley
"A Welcome Awaits You"

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.
8:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION
9:45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL: Junior, Senior and Bible Classes
11:00 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL: Crib Nursery, Beginners and Primary Classes
11:00 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION
Anthem: "A Hymn of Praise To The Creator" E. H. Thiman
7:00 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON
Subject: "GOD IS DEAD"
Part XI—Sermons from the Psalms
YOU ARE CORDIALLY WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL OUR SERVICES

An Elders and Stewards Forum

will be held in
Trinity Church, Charlottetown
Sunday afternoon, Feb. 6th
Starting 2 P.M.
This is for anyone in Queens and Kings County
Make sure your church is represented.

CALVARY TEMPLE

PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA
Upper Prince Street
Rev. Cyril Clarke, Pastor
9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, Summerside Station
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Missionary Day
11:00 a.m.—Worship, REV. I. D. RAYMER
7:30 p.m.—REV. I. D. RAYMER, GUEST SPEAKER
Attend Charlottetown's full Gospel Assembly.

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH

13 Christie Drive, Parkdale
Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister
Mr. Leslie Hiscott—Organist and Director of Choirs
MORNING:
9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate and Senior Church School
11:00 a.m.—Nursery and Kindergarten Classes
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: "THE ANNUAL REPORT HONESTLY"
Solo: "Just for Today"—Seaver
(Miss June Foster)
11:15 a.m.—Primary Church School
1:30 p.m.—Religion & Life Emblem Course
EVENING:
7:00 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP
Sermon: "GOD FIRST"
Music by Men's Choir
Solo: Mrs. Stephen McLeod
YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US

First Baptist Church

Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets
Rev. Malcolm F. Harlow, B.A., B.D., Minister
Mrs. V. L. Dingwell, Organist and Choir Director
11:00 a.m.—Rev. A. G. Hubley, Guest Preacher
Anthem: "Unto Thee O Lord"
Soloist: Mrs. Douglas McKenney
Ordinance of the Lord's Supper
7:00 p.m.—Rev. A. G. Hubley, Guest Preacher
Anthem: "Be With Us Lord"
Wednesday—7:30 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.
A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

Charlottetown Bible Chapel

223 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave.
11:00 a.m.—Bible Hour and Sunday School
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service
"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.
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
7:00 P.M.—Evening Worship
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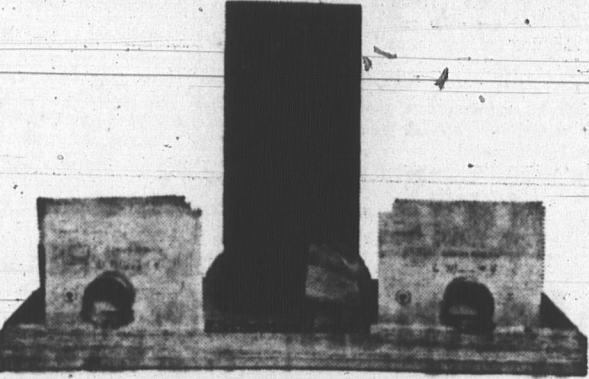
Zion Presbyterian Church

Corner Prince and Grafton Streets
The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, B.A., Minister
Miss Roberta Shaw, Deaconess
Mrs. Harvey MacKinnon, L.Mus., B.Mus.
Organist and Choir Director.
9:45 a.m.—The Church School. Classes for all ages
10:00 a.m.—Bible Class. 11:00 a.m.—Nursery School
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: THE OVER-ARCHING LOVE
Duet: God Gave The Day
Miss Donna Sutherland & Mrs. Sondra Fletcher
7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
INDUCTION SERVICE OF H-LY GROUPS OF Y.M.C.A.
Sermon: THE GOAL POSTS
Duet: Misses Ann Irwin and Pat Stewart
A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

St. Peter's Cathedral

Rochford Square
Anglican Church of Canada
Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Davies, M.A., Rector
Rev. Canon E. M. Malone, M.A., D.D.
Honorary Assistant Priest
Miss Suzanne Brenton, Lic. Mus., Organist
Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director
Feb. 6—Septuagesima Sunday
8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
8:45 a.m.—Matins
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School (Infants Class 11 a.m.)
11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon
7:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon
Visitors are most cordially welcome at all services.

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Watch That THUMB!

Peter loves to "fix things," even though he sometimes gets hurt in the process. Yesterday he pinched his finger with the pliers. Today, he'll probably end up by banging his thumb with the hammer. But tomorrow he'll be right back at it again . . . learning the hard way!

From childhood, we learn best by personal experience. Our natural curiosity makes it difficult for us to accept advice from others. We want to find out for ourselves . . . and life has some hard lessons to teach us. Among other things, we have to discover that material possessions are no guarantee of happiness . . . and that money can't buy love, or health, or peace of mind.

Religious faith is another aspect of life that must not be left unexplored. Christianity has been tested by time . . . and it stands ready to be tested by YOU. Don't miss the greatest experience of all. Visit the church of your choice this Sunday.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.



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Sunday Proverbs 8:12-17	Monday Isaiah 55:1-11	Tuesday Ezekiel 28:1-10	Wednesday Mark 10:17-32	Thursday Luke 12:22-31	Friday I Corinthians 2:14-16	Saturday Timothy 6:2-10
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