

LESSON SIXTEEN

Spend at least 20 minutes on each sermon presented?

You are required to:

- 1. Look up every scripture referenced in each sermon.**
- 2. And then spend some time meditating on each sermon.**

You will be asked to verify this on the Lesson test.

EXPOSITORY SERMONS.

**Theme: A FOURFOLD ATTITUDE TOWARDS
SIN.**

Text:

1 John 1:7-2:2.

Introduction.

I. DENYING IT, 1:8-10.

- 1. Nature of the denial:**
 - a) As to the possession of a sinful nature (v. 8).**
 - b) As to the committal of sinful acts (v. 10).**
- 2. What is involved in such denial:**
 - a) Self-deception (v. 8).**
 - b) Challenge God's statement (v. 7).**

- c) Make God a liar (v. 10).
- d) The Word of God, as a norm, has no abiding place in the heart (v. 10).

II. CONFESSING IT, 1:9.

- 1. The nature of confession.
 - a) Confess—take sides with God against it. Admit it.
 - b) Renounce—forsake what you would have God remit.
 - c) Believe in the efficacy of the blood of Christ (v. 7-9).
 - d) Accept God's declaration of forgiveness, based on His righteousness and justice (v. 9).
- 2. The result of confession.
 - a) Forgiveness (v. 9).
 - b) Cleansing from sin's guilt (v. 7), and sin's power (v. 9).

III. VICTORY OVER IT (2:1, cf. 1:7, 9).

- 1. Victory possible (2:1).
- 2. Its method—"these things":
 - a) Word of God (2:14).
 - b) Divine nature (3:9).
 - c) Indwelling spirit (4:4).

IV. REPEATING IT, OR FALLING INTO IT, 1:7—2:2.

- 1. Admit that we do, 2:1.
- 2. What to do when we do.
 - a) Recognize advocacy (2:1, 2).
 - b) Recognize provision made for it, (1:7-9; 2:2).
 - c) Confess it (see II above).

Conclusion.

Theme: THE BELIEVER'S WALK.

Text:

"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light." Col. 1:9-12.

Introduction.

I. THE NATURE OF THE WALK.

1. Worthy of the Lord (v. 10).
2. According to the revealed will of God (v. 9).

II. THE MOTIVE OF THE WALK.

1. Unto the Lord, i. e., the Lord Himself (v. 10).

III. THE MEANS OF THE WALK.

1. Faith in Christ—the beginning (v. 4).
2. Prayer—continued by (v. 9).
3. The Word of God—source of knowledge of God's will (v. 9).
4. The indwelling Spirit of God (v. 4).

IV. THE RESULTS OF THE WALK.

1. Well-pleasing to God (v. 10).
2. Fruitful in every good work (v. 10).
3. An increasing knowledge of God (v. 10).
4. Spiritual graces: patience, long-suffering, joy, thankfulness (vv. 11, 12).
5. An inheritance with the saints in light (v. 12).

Conclusion.

Theme: THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST.**Text:**

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son; much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement." Rom. 5:6-11.

Its place in Pauline teaching.

Introduction.**I. THE TEXT SPEAKS OF SOME ONE WHO DIED.**

1. The statement of an ordinary fact.
2. Yet an extraordinary fact when we remember
 - a) The character of the One who died.
 - b) The fact that He could have avoided death.
 - c) The claims which are associated with His death.

II. THE TEXT SPEAKS OF THE PEOPLE FOR WHOM CHRIST DIED.

1. Sinners, ungodly, weak, enemies.
2. Meaning of the statement—"died for them."

III. THE PURPOSE OF CHRIST'S DEATH.

1. Not to induce God to love men.
2. That man might be
 - a) Justified.
 - b) Reconciled.
 - c) Saved from wrath.
 - d) Saved by His life.

Conclusion.

Do we pass that cross unheeding? It is nothing to us? What interest have we in that death?

BIBLE READINGS.

This Bible Reading on "Peace," while having far too much material for one address, nevertheless, affords a fine illustration as to the untold wealth of Bible truth that can be gotten with the aid of the concordance (Strong's or Young's) and the Bible.

Topic: PEACE.

I. THE MEANING OF PEACE.

1. The Greek word appears to mean "to bind" (*εἰρήνη*, from *εἰρω*), implying severance and union.
 2. The English word implies a *pact*, compact, an agreement (*paciscor*).
 3. The Hebrew word includes the ideas of friendliness, rest, security, *completeness* (*שָׁלוֹם*).
- N. B.—Note the order of experience: Union; agreement; friendship; rest; security; completeness.

II. THE NEED OF PEACE.

1. Peace of conscience in pardon and acceptance, Isa. 48:22; Rom. 3:17; Ps. 120:6.
2. Peace of heart in rest and fellowship, Num. 6:26; 25:12; Ps. 4:8, 29:11.

III. THE PROVISION OF PEACE.

1. "Peace with God" (Rom. 5:1). Barriers removed.
2. "The peace of God" (Phil. 4:7). Burdens relieved.

N. B.—These are distinguished in John 20:19 and 21 (see context); also in John 14:27, peace as a *legacy* and as a *gift*.

IV. THE SOURCE OF PEACE.

1. "Of God," Phil. 4:7; Col. 3:15 (cf. R. V.).
2. "The God of Peace," Rom. 15:33, 16:20; 1 Cor. 14:33; 2 Cor. 13:11; Phil. 4:9; 1 Thess. 5:23; Heb. 13:20.

V. THE MEDIUM OF PEACE.

1. Christ's person, Eph. 2:14, *αὐτός*; Isa. 9:6, Prince; 2 Thess. 3:16, *Κύριος*; Heb. 7:2, *βασιλεύς*.
3. Christ's work, Eph. 2:15, *ποιῶν*; Col. 1:20, *εἰρηνοποιήσας*. Cf. Isa. 53:5.
3. Christ's preaching, Eph. 2:17; Acts 10:36.
4. Christ's gift, John 14:27.

VI. THE SPHERE OF PEACE.

1. In Christ, John 16:33, *ἐν*.
2. In the Holy Spirit, Rom. 14:17, *ἐν*.

VII. THE INSTRUMENTALITY OF PEACE.

1. The Gospel, Eph. 6:15; 1 Cor. 7:15; Luke 1:79.
2. Faith, Rom. 5:1; 15:13.
3. The minding of the Spirit, Rom. 8:6.

VIII. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF PEACE.

1. Great, Psa. 119:165; cf. Isa. 48:18, "as a river."
2. Abundant, Psa. 37:11 and 72:7, cf. 1 Pet. 1:2 and Jude 2, *πληθυνθείη*.
3. Indescribable, Phil. 4:7.
4. Perfect, Isa. 26:3.
5. Everlasting, Isa. 9:7, "no end."

IX. THE POWER OF PEACE.

1. To fill, Rom. 15:13.
2. To guard, Phil. 4:7.
3. To rule, Col. 3:15, *βραβεύω* (to umpire).

X. THE COMPANIONS OF PEACE.

1. Grace, Rom. 1:7.
2. Mercy, Gal. 6:16.
3. Righteousness, Rom. 14:17.
4. Joy, Rom. 15:13.
5. Faith, 2 Tim. 2:22.
6. Love, 2 Cor. 13:11.
7. Life, Rom. 8:6.
8. Holiness, Heb. 12:14.
9. Purity, Jas. 3:17.
10. Gentleness, Jas. 3:17.

XI. THE OUTCOME OF PEACE.

1. In character, Gal. 5:22. "fruit * * * *
peace."
2. In fellowship, Eph. 4:3, "bond of peace";
Eph. 6:23, cf. *ειρηνεύειν* in Mark 9:50;
Rom. 12:18; 2 Cor. 13:11; 1 Thess. 5:13.
3. In action, Matt. 5:9, *ειρηνοποιός*; Jas. 3:17,
ειρηνικός.
4. In service, Eph. 6:15, *έτοιμασία* * * * *
ειρήνης.

XII. THE POSSIBILITIES OF PEACE.

1. Through life, Mark 5:34, *ὑπαγε εις ειρήνην*;
Luke 7:50, *πορεύου εις*. * * *
2. At death, Luke 2:29, *ἀπολθεις* * * * *
έν ειρήνη.
3. In eternity, 2 Pet. 3:14, *αὐτω εύρεθῆναι έν ειρήνη*.

XIII. THE SCOPE OF PEACE.

1. On earth, Luke 2:14.
2. In heaven, Luke 19:38.

XIV. THE SECRET OF PEACE.

1. Surrender, Isa. 9:7, "government and peace";
2 Thess. 3:16, "Lord of peace."
2. Trust, Isa. 26:3; Rom. 15:13.
3. Obedience, Psa. 119:165; Isa. 32:17; James
3:18.
4. Earnestness, 1 Pet. 3:11, *ζητησάτω καὶ διωξάτω*;
Heb. 12:14, *διώκετε*.

We can therefore easily understand from all this the imperative necessity of realizing at once, and continually, "the things that belong to our peace" (Luke 19:42), and then of "pursuing the things of peace" (Rom. 14:17).—Record of Christian Work.

Topic: CHRIST SUFFERING FOR US.

After all the passages in the Bible treating on this subject have been looked up and classified, and a general knowledge of the subject obtained, it will be found that there are more passages than can be used in one Bible reading. Sift them; choose the best. The following may be the result:

- I. 1 Pet. 3:18—To bring us unto God. A new access.
- II. 1 Pet. 2:24—Our death unto sin and unto life. A new death.
- III. 2 Cor. 5:21—That we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. A new spirit.
- IV. Gal. 3:13—That we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. A new spirit.

- V. 1 Pet. 2:21—That He might leave us an example. A new example.
- VI. Titus 2:14—That He might redeem us from all iniquity. A new redemption.
- VII. Gal. 1:4—That He might deliver us from this evil world. A new deliverance.
- VIII. 1 Thess. 5:10—That we might live together with Him. A new fellowship.

Thus, it will be seen, you have eight intents and results of Christ's vicarious death.

Topic: THE WATER OF LIFE.

I. ITS CHARACTER.

- 1. Living, John 4:10.
- 2. Clear, Rev. 22:1.
- 3. Pure, Rev. 22:1.
- 4. Abundant, Ezek. 47:1-9.
- 5. Free, Rev. 21:6.

II. FOR WHOM PROVIDED?

- 1. The thirsty, Rev. 21:6.
- 2. Whosoever, Rev. 22:17.

III. THE WAY TO OBTAIN IT.

- 1. Come, Rev. 22:17.
 - 2. Take, Rev. 22:17.
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Topic: REDEMPTION.

I. WHAT I AM REDEEMED WITH.

- 1. With blood, 1 Pet. 1:19.
- 2. With power, Neh. 1:10.

II. WHAT I AM REDEEMED FROM.

1. Bondage, Exod. 6:6.
2. Enemy, Psa. 106:10.
3. Iniquity, Titus 2:14.
4. Curse of the law, Gal. 3:10.

III. WHAT THE LORD HAS REDEEMED.

1. The soul, Psa. 49:8.
2. The body, Rom. 8:23.
3. The life, Psa. 103:4.

IV. THE BEAUTY OF THE REDEMPTION.

1. It is plenteous, Psa. 130:7.
2. It is precious, Psa. 49:8.
3. It is eternal, Heb. 9:12.

Topic: THE LOVE OF GOD.

- I. It is infinite in its character, John 17:23, 24.
- II. It is constraining in its power, 2 Cor. 5:14.
- III. It is inseparable in its object, Rom. 8:35-37.
- IV. It is individual in its choice, Gal. 2:20.
- V. It is universal in its extent, John 3:16.
- VI. It is unchanging in its purpose, John 13:1.
- VII. It is everlasting in its duration, Jer. 31:3.

Topic: JUSTIFICATION.

- I. What it is, Rom. 4:5-8.
- II. Who justifies, Rom. 8:33.
- III. Who is justified, Rom. 3:24; 5:9.
- IV. From what we are justified, Acts 13:39.
- V. Result of being justified, Rom. 5:1.

Topic: REPENTANCE.

- I. What it is, Matt. 21:29.
- II. Its source, 2 Tim. 2:25.

- III. Its necessity, Acts 8:22.
- IV. Its results, Luke 15:7; 17:3.
- V. By whom commanded, Acts 17:30.
- VI. In whose name? Luke 24:47.

—Chas. Inglis.

Did you complete your homework for this lesson? You are required to do so before taking the lesson test.