

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson in the International Series  
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Resurrection.

## THE LESSON TEXT.

*G*lorious is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that sleep.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed;

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed;

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

**GOLDEN TEXT.—Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that sleep.** *1 Cor. 15:20.*

**OUTLINE OF SCRIPTURE SECTION.** The Resurrection of Jesus, *1 Cor. 15:20-31.* Paul's Argument for Immortality, *1 Cor. 15:32-48.* What Immortality Means, *1 Cor. 15:49-58.*

The Resurrection of Jesus. The Christian world has come to have an abiding faith in the immortality of the soul, of life beyond the grave. The reasons for this faith have never been better summed up than by Paul in the fifteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians. Read the whole chapter and you will have the whole truth regarding it. The first step in Paul's argument is the historic fact of the resurrection of Jesus. Christ had lived His short life here on earth, died, as Paul says, for our sins, was buried and rose again the third day. At the time Paul was writing there were nearly, if not quite, 500 witnesses of the truth that Christ did rise from the dead, 500 who saw Him alive after He had been in the tomb three days. On this evidence, says Paul, we preach, and ye believe.

Paul's Argument for Immortality. Paul goes on with his argument that if Christ arose from the dead, then those that said there was no resurrection could not have spoken truly, because admittedly one, even Christ, had risen. If Christ did not rise, then are Paul and the other apostles preaching what is not true, and those who believed according to this preaching believed what was not true. It could hardly be that these men would so preach because most of the 500 eyewitnesses were still alive to testify to either the truth or falsity of the preaching. If, on the other hand, Christ did rise, then is the argument of those who deny the resurrection overthrown, and all those who live right lives may hope for eternal life with Christ. Man was made, argues Paul, to be immortal, but through sin the first man fell and forfeited eternal life. Happily through another, the divine man Christ Jesus, is immortality restored. Paul believed in life eternal. If he did not, let somebody answer his question: "Why stand we in jeopardy every day?" He certainly was not risking his life preaching an unpopular doctrine which he knew to be untrue. "Be not deceived," says Paul, for "evil communications corrupt good manners," that is, the oft repeating of a known falsehood must sooner or later show in the life, and recognizing this truth he exhorts his readers to "awake to righteousness, and sin not." If they believe themselves to have the truth, it behoves them to live according to their faith, to show in their actions the knowledge of God they profess.

What Immortality Means—Paul likens the immortal life to a seed. For the seed to live a plant, it must needs first die as a seed. Likewise to fully attain unto the spiritual, our natural bodies must first be cast aside. Finally Paul declares that this being the case, we would look for the change with gladness but for sin, which is the sting of death. Victory over sin which Christ can give means victory over death. Therefore be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

**Criticism of Life.**

It is true, both in a positive and negative sense, that life is the final test of everything. There is no criticism that in the sharpness and tremendousness of judgment is equal to the criticism of life. What can stand every assault in time and in eternity? The grandest convictions that we receive from other people are not constructed in us by their logic or their philosophy, or their Christianity, but they are created in us by their personality.

**Walk with God.**

The man who walks with God meditates upon his works. He is confronted at every turn by tokens of the divine favor and evidence of his creative power.—Rev. W. F. Wykoff.

**Fags and Thistles.**

Gold will provoke a gangrene in the heart.

A man must be religious if he would be reasonable.

Patience is a good protection against provocation.

Heights of consecration may follow depths of conviction.

The finest fabrics may be woven out of cross purposes.

If we were as anxious to do God's will as we are to have our own way our work would be worthier.—Rev. W. F. Wykoff.

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A French mayor, who at one time held the office of stipendiary magistrate, was about to perform the civil service of marriage.

"Mademoiselle X," he said, addressing the bride, "do you agree to take Mr. Z., here present, for your wedded husband?"

And, after the young lady had replied in the affirmative, the mayor, turning to the bridegroom, delivered himself as follows:

"Prisoner at the bar, what have you to say in your defense?"—Tit-Bits.

**The Voice of Jealousy.**

"That Miss Ann Teek was just in here, was she not?" asked the sour-looking woman in the sporting goods store.

"Yes, she was," replied the smiling clerk.

"And she bought a megaphone, I suppose? I understand she is about to announce her engagement!"—Yonkers Statesman.

**All-Around vindication.**

Henley—Smith and Jones each called the other a liar. Have they given each other satisfaction yet?

Digby—Yes.

Henley—with fists or pistols?

Digby—No; they left it to a committee of two of Jones' friends and two of Smith's to say who was the lie and the committee was evenly divided.—Tit-Bits.

**An Expert Opinion.**

Cohen (to fellow traveler)—What do you represent, mein friend?

Dr. Dippem (stiffly).—Well, sir, I am collecting funds to send to our foreign missionaries.

Cohen—You've got the best end of that job!—*N. Y. Times.*

**It May Be the Reason.**

"Do you know why all the world loves a lover?"

"Is that a conundrum?"

"It is."

"Well, what's the answer?"

"Because he makes such a blooming fool of himself, and the world likes to laugh!"—Brooklyn Eagle.

**In Pursuit of Knowledge.**

"You must be asked a great many foolish questions in the course of the day," said the solemn man to the elevator man.

"Yes, sir; I am."

"Indeed? And what are some of them?"

"Oh, same as you're asking!"—Judge.

**And Then She Doubts.**

Parke—My wife is the most obstinate woman I ever saw.

Lane—in what way?

"Why, the other night I had to sit up till daylight trying to convince her that I hadn't been drinking!"—*N. Y. Herald.*

**In A. D. 1935.**

Anne Teek—I heard Ada Gigglin say to-day that she was only 25.

Sadie Serelley—Well, of all the prevaricators! Why, I remember well of her having two toes frozen during the coal strike!—Puck.

**What Puzzled Madge.**

"Mamma," said little Madge, who had been intently watching her mother in the hope of an opportunity to get a word in, "what in the world did you do when your teacher used to tell you to be quiet?"—Yonkers Statesman.

**What Indeed?**

"The pen is mightier than the sword."

"Pray, what can excuse it?"

"For never turning on the hounds Of poets who abuse it."

—Philadelphia Press.

**APPEARANCE DECEIVING.**

A man in a dark suit and hat is shaking hands with another man in a light-colored suit and hat. They are standing outdoors, possibly on a street or in a public area.

"What's the fare, cabby?"

"Five dollars, sir."

"No, it isn't. Here's a dollar. I'm not such a fool as I look."

"No, sir. I wish you were, sir!"—Scraps.

**The Musical Man.**

He's musical, ay, yes, indeed!

You'd know it, just to hear him talk.

He says he can't enjoy a meal unless he uses a tuning-fork!

—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

An organization has been formed in a rural community of Pennsylvania

which can best be described as a fraternal mutual benefit society of which cattle are the members. The home of this interesting organization is at Arnot, and its official title is "The Union Cow Club of Arnot, Pa." The country thereabout is peculiarly hazardous for cows to wander in. There are mine shafts and railroad tracks and steep and narrow paths where the careless man or beast is prone to stumble. Therefore, says the New York Post, the cow club. No less than one or more than ten years old is eligible for membership, and full participation in the benefits of the order is given only to those which are a source of profit to their owners. The members, therefore, really earn enough to pay their own dues, and the owners occupy rather the position of business advisers who take care of the surplus funds and look after the clerical details of paying the assessments when they fall due. Each one, it might be said, holds a power of attorney for his cows. The owners are also the beneficiaries of the bovine policies. It may be a coincidence between March 1 and September 30, the owner receives \$40. If the cow dies between October 1 and February 28, he gets only \$25. If the animal becomes disabled or sick, an examining committee looks into the case to determine what damages should be allowed, and if this committee cannot agree upon a special method it is referred, and the owners are各自 responsible for the damage done.

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**His New Hope.**

"Now, look here," said the subordinate collector, "I'm not going to be put off any more. I want that five dollars, and I'm going to have it before I leave this office."

"Say," the other man replied, with a sudden hopefulness, as he turned from the window where he had been looking sadly out at the cold bleak world, "have you made any arrangement for having your money sent up?"

"Not yet," the collector said, "but I have a plan."

"Good plan!" the other man said sympathetically. "Come right along with me, and we'll make it."

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