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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR OCTOBER 16

PAUL WRITES TO THE CHRISTIANS AT CORINTH.

LESSON TEXT—I Cor. 1:10, 11; 13:1-13.

GOLDEN TEXT—And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity.—I Cor. 13.

REFERENCE MATERIAL—John 13: 34, 35; Rom. 12:9-10.

PRIMARY TOPIC—How to Show Our Love.

JUNIOR TOPIC—What Love Does.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—A Letter to the Church at Corinth.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Some Problems of an Early Church.

I. Party Spirit in the Corinthian Church (1:10, 11).

In this church rival factions were contending against each other. Some were for Paul, some for Apollos, some for Peter, and some for Christ. The cause of this condition was failure to see that the membership composing His body cannot be divided. By one Spirit all were baptized into the one body (12:13).

II. Love the More Excellent Way (I Cor. 13:1-13).

All of the Spirit's gifts are good, but the most valuable of all is love. Not all can preach or interpret tongues, but all can have the gift of love. Love in this chapter is the more excellent way of chapter 12:31.

(1) The Pre-eminence of Love (vv. 1-3). It transcends (1) speaking with tongues. For men to possess the loftiest eloquence and be lacking in love is to be as booming brass and clanking cymbal.

(2) The gift of prophecy—the ability to unfold mysteries. To be able to penetrate the mysteries of nature and providence is good, but to love is better.

(3) Faith of the most vigorous kind, even such as to remove mountains, is of less value than love.

(4) Philanthropy of the most generous sort, causing one to surrender all earthly goods for the sake of the poor is praiseworthy, but unless actuated by love is valueless before God.

(5) Heroic devotion which leads to martyrdom is profitless unless backed by love.

2. The Attributes of Love (vv. 4-7). (1) It is long-suffering and kind.

(2) It is free from envy. Those who love are entirely free from the spirit engendered because of the superior worth and success of others.

(3) It is free from boasting and vanity. Love strives to do good to all and is not careful to seek their admiration and applause.

(4) It is decorous. Love is always polite and mannerly; knows how to behave at all times.

(5) It is unselfish. It is always seeking the good of others and is forgetful of self.

(6) It does not give way to passion. It does not allow itself to be aroused to resentment. It is not quick tempered.

(7) It takes no delight in evil; does not impute evil motives to others; is not suspicious. It is forgiving. Love has no sympathy with that which is evil, but sympathizes with that which is true; has a common joy with it.

(8) It beareth all things. It wraps itself in the gracious mantle of love and shuts all evil out.

(9) Love is trustful; it looks into the future with confidence.

(10) Love is hopeful; it seizes the things of the future and brings them into the present, appropriating them for its use.

(11) Love is firm. It is free from vacillation. It intelligently sets its attention to things that are right and with unvarying strength holds fast.

3. The Permanence of Love (vv. 8-13). (1) It outlasts prophecy. Prophecy in the Scriptures means both a foretelling of events and the teaching of the Word of God. Prophecy as prediction shall be fulfilled; prophecy as teaching shall be brought to an end in that day when teaching is not needed (Heb. 8:11; Jer. 31:34).

(2) It outlasts speaking with tongues. The race once spoke the same language, but as a judgment for sin and rebellion God brought confusion and caused the people to speak many tongues. The day is coming when the redemption wrought by Jesus Christ shall have been accomplished in all its fullness; all nations shall be brought back to one tongue.

(3) It outlasts knowledge. The knowledge we now have is only relative, but the day is coming when this relative knowledge shall be done away by the coming in of a wider and nobler intelligence; the twilight shall be lost in maturity, for at Christ's coming we shall see Him face to face and shall be like Him. Love will always abide, for God is love.

The Search for God.

The search of men for God has been an age-long search, throughout the centuries men have groped in darkness with the cry, "Show us God," the deepest hunger of the heart, and the deepest perplexity of the mind. When Phillips Brooks was called in to give some religious instruction to Helen Keller, spending her life in darkness and isolation, she greeted him with one sentence slowly spelled out. "Please tell me something that you know about God."—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

A small man may have big ideas and not know how to execute them, but a big man doesn't have small ideas.

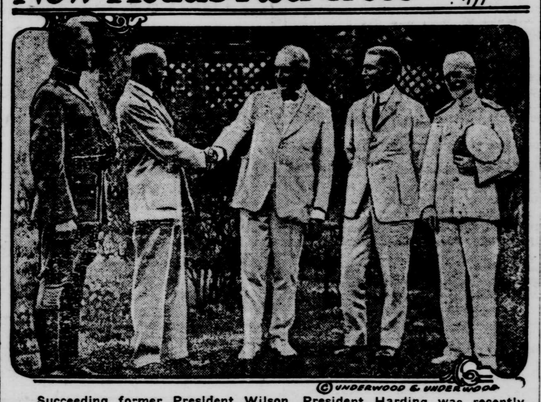
If you have nothing to recommend you but your dignity, you are not as important as the rattle of a Ford door.

Sinners are not more lovable than saints, but they are more lovable than the imitation saints that we commonly meet.



To bring before the country in visual form the vast problem it is helping to solve, the American Red Cross has prepared for its Annual Roll Call, Nov. 11 to 24, a poster showing how rather than diminishing the total of World War veterans entitled to Federal aid continues to grow. Red Cross Service to these men is costing $10,000,000 a year.

President Harding Now Heads Red Cross



Succeeding former President Wilson, President Harding was recently elected president of the American Red Cross. He is here seen accepting the office. From left to right: Maj. Gen. Merritte W. Ireland, Surgeon General, U. S. A.; Dr. Livingston Farrand, chairman Central Committee of the Red Cross; the President; Asst. Secretary of the Treasury Eliot Wadsworth; Rear Admiral Edward R. Stitt, Surgeon General, U. S. N.

Red Cross Gives $310,000 to Aid 'Clean-Up' Drive

An appropriation of $310,000 for Red Cross work in connection with the "clean-up" campaign instituted by the Government to bring the claims of all disabled service men who are entitled to Federal aid before the proper government bureau for action, has been made by the American Red Cross. The Executive Committee of the American Red Cross in making the appropriation authorized the appropriation of $35,000 of this sum to the American Legion to defray the expense of the Legion representatives assigned to the various districts of the Veterans Bureau.

The remainder of the appropriation was authorized for apportionment among the several Divisions of the Red Cross for carrying on that part of the "clean-up" work that falls directly upon the Red Cross organization.

Young America Sends Vast Relief To Needy Abroad

Various relief projects of the Junior American Red Cross in European countries resulted in helping 237,000 destitute children during the last fiscal year, according to the annual report of the American Red Cross for that period. The growth of the activities of the Juniors abroad is manifested by a comparison which shows this figure is 200,000 larger than that of the previous fiscal year.

The National Children's Fund raised by school children, members of the Junior American Red Cross, was drawn upon for $420,557 for these projects. Receipts for the National Children's Fund during the last fiscal year totalled $155,317.

America Succors Russians

Food, clothing and medical relief costing $700,000 has been provided by the American Red Cross for the thousands of Russian refugees stranded last year in Constantinople and vicinity.

Men admire the screen vampires, but none has any ambition to pay the bills of one of them.

Few things are harder than having faith in the masses when they don't have faith in you.

After a wife has become a habit she has to go away for a while in order to be appreciated at home.

If noise indicated the brains, the tribe of side-show ballyhoo men would be our greatest set of intellectuals.

Red Cross Trains 147 Blind Vets In Useful Work

Training designed to fit them for the battle of life was taken by 147 blinded ex-service men at the Red Cross Institute for the Blind, near Baltimore, Md., during the fiscal year 1920-1921, according to the report of the Institute for that period.

Of this number, 19 have gone on to other institutions, in almost every case to institutions where those having sight are receiving advanced education. The blind ex-service men who have entered such institutions are provided with special text-books in Braille, reading which they were taught at the Red Cross Institute.

Twelve men have passed from the Institute to successfully carry on some occupation or business for which they were fitted by special training. A few have withdrawn from the Institute because of poor physical condition, 14 are receiving further "training on the job" and 87 are still in training.

Red Cross Plans $6,000,000 Effort To Save Children

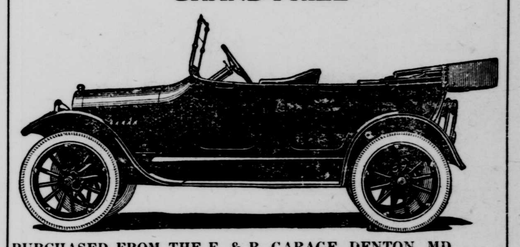
Medical care and clothing for thousands of children in Central and Eastern Europe are outlined as the activities of the American Red Cross in Europe for the current year, says a statement on the eve of the Annual Roll Call of the organization. These activities, supplemental to the feeding operations of the European Relief Council of which Herbert Hoover is chairman, are designed to provide the most adequate and balanced relief within the resources of private philanthropy.

Through the establishment of child welfare stations in the centers of population of those countries where adequate medical care is not now obtainable, the American Red Cross plans to provide the medical assistance needed to restore these children to a normally healthy life. The sum of $6,000,000 has been made available for this work.

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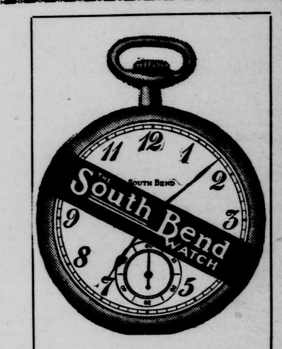
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