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“Jesus said unto him,  
Ephphatha, that is,  
Be opened,” Mark 7, 34.

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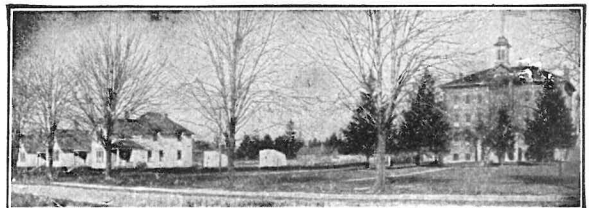
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### The Texas Mission.

In giving our readers further information about our newly opened Texas field, we shall confine ourselves to a condensed report along general lines.

At the present time the missionary is serving ten preaching-stations. There are of course other localities where regular services ought to be conducted. However, in a new field, time and patience are required before matters take a smooth course. At present there are prospects of opening several smaller stations.

On the first Sunday of every month our missionary journey takes us to Wichita Falls and Vernon, a distance of 260 miles northwest of Waco. Services are conducted in Wichita Falls at 11 A. M. in the comfortable social room of St. Paul's Lutheran Church (the Rev. C. M. Beyer, pastor and President of the District). Here the average attendance is fourteen deaf. This number is approximately 90 per cent. of the deaf population of Wichita Falls. In the afternoon, services are held in Vernon, a distance of fifty miles northwest. The average attendance here is twelve deaf, which is 75 per cent. of the deaf population living within a radius of thirty miles. Vernon deserves special mention because only about two years ago the local pastor, the Rev. J. A. Birnbaum, with the aid of Mr. R. Hingst, at that time student of our Seminary in St. Louis and member of a sign-language class, but now pastor in Roswell, N. Mex., instructed two deaf young ladies, one of whom is now a communicant member of the local congregation.

Our most distant station is situated 290 miles southwest of Waco — Beaumont. On Saturday evening before the second Sunday of the month we conduct our services in the Lutheran church (the Rev. H. Roitsch, pastor). The average attendance here is a group of nine deaf, which is 50 per cent. of the deaf population of Beaumont, Port Arthur, and the surrounding territory. The next morning we return to Houston, ninety miles west of Beaumont. In Houston our services for the deaf are conducted in Trinity Lutheran Church (the Rev. J. W. Behnken, pastor). Here the average attendance is fifteen deaf, with good prospects for a substantial increase in the future.

According to our schedule San Antonio and Austin receive our attention on the third Sunday of the month. A comparatively small group of

deaf resides in San Antonio, 200 miles south of Waco. However, the attendance ranks among the best, comparatively speaking. The average is an "optiencé" of fifteen, which is 65 per cent. of the deaf of San Antonio and the surrounding territory. Services are conducted at 11 A. M. in St. Paul's Lutheran School (the Rev. A. Rast, pastor).

Upon suggestion and advice of the missionary the deaf of San Antonio have organized a Sunday-school, which they are conducting regularly in addition to the monthly services. Mr. Childers has been appointed to teach the class, which is using the *Concordia Sunday-school Series* as text, also other material furnished by the missionary. May this additional study of the Word of God also prove a spiritual blessing to our deaf!



Group of Deaf who Attended Services April 17 in San Antonio, Tex.

The deaf in this city are the first to organize a Sunday-school. It is under the supervision of Pastor Martin E. A. Mueller.

Our first service in Austin, eighty-five miles north of San Antonio, was attended by two deaf. Our fourth service, April 17, was attended by 33 deaf. It is indeed gratifying to note such a steady increase in attendance. Although such figures are exceptional, they are nevertheless encouraging to the missionary. The services are regularly conducted on the third Sunday of the month at 3 P. M. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church (the Rev. K. G. Manz, pastor).

On the Friday before the fourth Sunday of the month the missionary travels to Dallas, 100 miles north of Waco. Here services are conducted in Zion Lutheran Church (the Rev. E. M. Robert, pastor). On Thursday evening, March 29, thirty deaf attended our services. Since this was the opening day of sessions of the Pastors' and Teachers' Conference of the Texas District, many

of the pastors and teachers present attended our services.

On the fourth Sunday of the month, in the afternoon, the deaf of Fort Worth, thirty-five miles west of Dallas, meet in St. Paul's Lutheran Church (the Rev. W. C. Geisler, pastor). The average attendance here is 26 deaf. Thus Fort Worth leads as far as attendance is concerned. Immediately after the services here the missionary again leaves for Waco, 100 miles south, in order to conduct services with the local deaf at 8 P. M.

To date 40 services have been conducted in the Texas field. The total attendance at these services was 590 deaf. During the first five months



Rev. M. Mueller.

the average monthly increase in attendance at our services for the entire field has been 23 per cent.

In a new field, such as Texas, publicity work is one of the first essentials. And the local missionary has been concentrating upon this. Our readers will see from our report that in a new field much routine work along general lines must precede the intensive and individual soul-winning work of the nature carried on in fields which have been established for many years. In order to arouse the interest in, and to attract attention to, our work, the missionary is publishing a monthly paper on a mimeograph and is distributing it among the deaf in Texas. 350 copies of the first issue of the *Deaf Messenger* have been distributed. Mission-work among the deaf as carried on by our Synod in many other parts of the United States is something foreign to the vast majority of the

deaf in Texas. Through the agency of the *Deaf Messenger* the missionary is endeavoring to broadcast specific information about the nature and the policy of our work.

May our heavenly Father continue to shower His blessings upon our Texas mission!

M. E. A. MUELLER.

## EDITORIAL.

### Statistics.

With the kind assistance of the Rev. E. Bertram, statistician of the Board of Missions to Deaf and Blind, we are able to give the approximate totals as recorded in the annual reports for 1931.

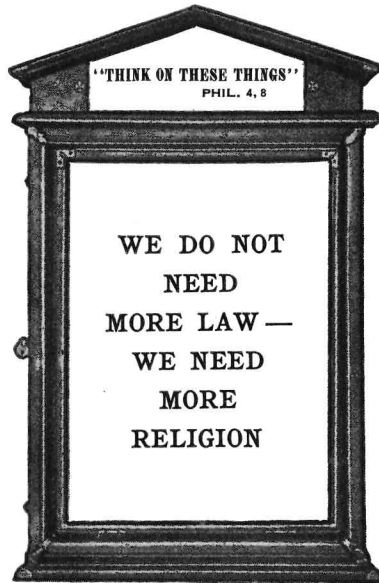
During 1931 our Lutheran missionaries to the deaf confirmed 30 deaf persons, they communed 2,197, baptized 25 adults, buried 18, married 13 couples, and served approximately 2,300 souls at 191 preaching-stations. At this time our Lutheran Mission to the Deaf numbers 271 voters and 1,302 communicants; the latter contributed \$4,757.18 in 1931.

With regard to our Mission to the Blind we may say that Pastor A. H. Kuntz serves 1,342 blind persons in the United States and in foreign countries through correspondence and a monthly magazine in Braille.

The undersigned, in 1931, sent English Moon-type and German Braille-type magazines as well as tracts in Spanish Braille to approximately 2,000 blind persons in the United States and in twenty-three additional countries. In the same year 2,322 letters were received at our office from sightless readers or their friends. Replies to these were mailed with reasonable promptness. In the city of Chicago, where we have 87 Moon-type readers on our list, numerous visits were made in the interest of blind individuals, and many interviews were had with officials of State and city commissions and with those of social, industrial, and literary agencies.

St. Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, gives us the true motive for the gathering of statistical data in missionary endeavors. He tells us with respect to the first Christian missionaries and church-workers: "And when they were come and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done for them," Acts 14, 27.

The purpose of publishing this report of our Mission for the Deaf and Blind is likewise none



other than to show forth the glory of our blessed Savior, who has given the deaf and the blind the opportunity to know Him as their own Redeemer and great Reconciler to God. To every one of us connected with this work the collection and analysis of such data may prove useful in determining the degree or state of our Christian stewardship. They may prompt us to inquire whether or not every communicant member among us has given a sufficiency of time, money, physical powers, and spiritual energies to the promotion of Christ's kingdom here on earth; they may show furthermore the effects of our past endeavors and the reasons for successes and failures. In addition the collection of these data may be of considerable aid in determining our future missionary activities and in stimulating a more aggressive spirit among us.

Every true believer has the conviction that the business of the *whole* Church is to preach the Gospel of Jesus to the *whole* world, to set forth to the entire sin-stricken human family the blessings of Christianity. The Bible tells us that the world continues to exist for no other purpose than that Christ's Kingdom of Grace may be extended by the preaching of the Gospel.

We dare not cease to be a witness-bearing Church. The voices of individual, private members are also necessary to evangelize the world. When the Romans shortened their swords, they lengthened their territories. Hand-to-hand work also gives a great increase in the Church. When

we cease to urge men in private to come to Christ, we cease to be evangelistic.

May this report stimulate each and every one of us to increased activity, and may each one of us pray daily with the Christian poet:—

Living for Jesus a life that is true,  
Striving to please him in all that I do,  
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,  
This is the pathway of blessing for me.

Living for Jesus, who died in my place,  
Bearing on Calv'ry my sin and disgrace,  
Such love constrains me to answer His call,  
Follow His leading, and give Him my all.

Living for Jesus wherever I am,  
Doing each duty in His holy name,  
Willing to suffer affliction or loss,  
Deeming each trial a part of my cross.

Living for Jesus through earth's little while,  
My dearest treasure the light of His smile,  
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem,  
Bringing the weary to find rest in Him.

O. C. S.

## Studies in the Chief Teachings of the Bible and the Catechism.

### By Grace are Ye Saved.

Salvation is finished. On the cross, Jesus cried out: "It is finished!" and then gave up the ghost. "God was in Christ *reconciling* [making peace and receiving] *the world* unto Himself," 2 Cor. 5, 19. And it is a perfect salvation, for "the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us *from all sin*," 1 John 1, 7. And still, among those whom the Lord bought with His own blood there are those who bring swift destruction upon themselves, 2 Pet. 2, 1. Although God has reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, 1 Cor. 5, 18, God still says to sinners: "Be *ye* reconciled to God," that is, Accept God's peace and be His friends. It is God's will that this salvation be given and received by every one. Salvation comes to us as *a gift*, 1 Cor. 1, 7, and of His fulness have *all we received*, John 1, 16; and having received such a gift of God, *we have* redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, Eph. 1, 7. There are those who can say: We have salvation, and then there are others who have not this salvation.

That a sinner believes and has salvation is the work of God alone. It is not in the least the work of man. Listen to the Word of God! We read: "When we were dead in sins, *God has quickened*

[made alive] us together with Christ," Eph. 2, 5, and v. 8: "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is *the gift of God.*" Man can do nothing towards believing and receiving this salvation in Christ, for it is "*not of works*, lest any man should boast," v. 9; and "*no man* can say that Jesus is the Lord *but by the Holy Ghost,*" 1 Cor. 12, 3. "Ye are saved," Paul writes, and that "by grace," free grace, undeserved grace.

And this grace it is that urges our heavenly Father to bring salvation in Christ to every sinner and to work faith in him unto salvation. There is nothing in man that could move God to do this. When a sinner is saved, he must sing: "By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless!" Paul therefore again and again sings the praises of this grace, of this free forgiveness. He says: "In Christ we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, *according to the riches of His grace,*" Eph. 1, 7. And in Eph. 2, 4 he writes: "God, who is *rich in mercy, for His great love* wherewith He loved us, *even when we were dead in sins*, hath quickened us together with Christ." And to Timothy he writes: "He hath saved us and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but *according to His own purpose and grace,*" 2 Tim. 1, 9. O the wonderful love and grace of God to sinners!

And He wants to work this saving faith in all, not only in a few. Therefore the Gospel of Jesus Christ should be preached "*to every creature,*" Mark 16, 15. "He will [wants] *all men* to be saved," 1 Tim. 2, 4. And therefore He invites all, saying: "Come unto Me, *all ye* that labor and are heavy laden," Matt. 11, 28. Not one should be lost; therefore He cries out: "Why will ye die, O house of Israel? For *I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth,*" Ezek. 18, 31. 32. Grace for every one, for all! And it is the same love and grace that moved Him to send His only Son to a lost world, John 3, 16. Friend, God wants *you* to be saved. Have you this salvation, and are you rejoicing in it? May God grant it. Then you will now and forever sing the praises of the riches of His grace.

The praises of it we speak also in our Catechism. In the Second Article we confess: "*He* has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature," and in the Third Article: "I believe that I *cannot* by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus

Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but *the Holy Ghost* has called me." And in the Fifth Petition we ask God for His forgiveness "*by grace*; for we daily sin much and indeed deserve nothing but punishment."

Indeed, every one must say with Paul: "By the grace of God I am what I am," 1 Cor. 15, 10. And now, may this "grace be with you all! Amen." Titus 3, 15. J. L. S.

## THE BREAD OF LIFE.

### Bible-Studies for Sundays in July, 1932.

*"Faith Works by Love."*

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," Acts 16, 31. Indeed, man is saved by faith alone without the deeds of the Law. But this saving faith breaks forth in love. As the sun gives warmth to the earth and as fire gives heat and as the candle gives light, so faith in the heart of man works by love. A believer loves Him who died for him and also those for whom He went into the grave. A Christian walks in love. May the Holy Spirit by the July Bible-studies bring to your remembrance the love of God in Christ Jesus and fill your hearts with true love towards God and your neighbor!

#### Study for Sunday, July 3.

*"This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments," 1 John 5, 3.*

Bible-Lesson: John 14, 15—24.

"If ye love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him. But ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; but ye see Me. Because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in My Father and ye in Me and I in you. He that hath My commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me; and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him and will manifest Myself to him. Judas saith unto Him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that Thou wilt manifest Thyself unto us and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love Me, he will keep My words; and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make Our

abode with him. He that loveth Me not keepeth not My sayings; and the word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent Me."

Do you love Jesus? He says: "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." If you love Him, you will pray, read your Bible, go to church, love one another, and do many other good works. Many think they can love Jesus without keeping His commandments. They say, "I love Jesus," but do not His commandments. That is not true love.

Man cannot do it of Himself. The Holy Ghost must work that in man. And for this Spirit Jesus prays the Father, and He will send the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, that He may abide (stay) with His Christians forever. He will comfort the Christians in their daily life. And this Comforter is the Spirit of Truth. He teaches the Christians the truth about God in Christ Jesus and makes them sure of God's love. That gives true comfort in everything. This Spirit the world cannot receive, for they see Him not and know Him not. They care not for the truth. They do not want the truth. But the Christians know Him, for He dwells (lives) with them and shall be in them. Jesus will not leave them comfortless, or without comfort. He will come to them by His Spirit. A little while, and the world would see Him no more, He tells His disciples. Soon He was to go to the Father through suffering and death and His rising again from the dead. He promises them that they shall see Him. And they saw Him, namely, when He had come out of the grave. We still see Him in His Word and shall see Him forever. He therefore says: "Because I live, ye shall live also." By His Spirit Christians have the life of Jesus in them, and then they shall know that He is in the Father and they in Him and He in them. Ask God for this Comforter in Jesus' name.

He that has His commandments and keeps them, he it is that loves Him. And blessed is he that loves Jesus and keeps His commandments. For Jesus says of him: "He shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him and will manifest Myself to him." He will make Himself known better and better to His believers. Judas then asked: "How is it that Thou wilt manifest Thyself unto us and not unto the world?" He then answered that He will manifest, or show, Himself only to those who love Him and keep His commandments. These the Father will love, and He and the Father will come and make their abode

(home) with them. In the believer lives the true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. How wonderful! Oh, love Him and keep His words! They that love Him not, keep not His sayings. Let no one think that he loves the Lord Jesus if he keeps not Christ's words. And let him remember that the words of Jesus are the words of the Father. Come, love Him and keep His words who loved you and died for you and also sent the Comforter to you.

Read this Bible-lesson again and answer these questions in writing: 1. Who is the Comforter, and why does the Father send Him? 2. Who are they that love Jesus?

*Prayer:* Dear Savior, send Thy Holy Spirit into my heart to teach me the truth and to comfort me in life and death. And may Thy Spirit help me to love Thee and to keep Thy commandments! Amen.

#### Study for Sunday, July 10.

*"We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," Rom. 5, 1.*

#### Bible-Lesson: John 14, 25—31.

"These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away and come again unto you. If ye loved Me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father; for My Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you; for the prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in Me. But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence."

All these things Jesus said to His disciples while He was with them. But when Jesus was to go away, they needed another teacher. And this teacher is the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father would send in Jesus' name, that is, because He came into this world and died for us and now still prays for us to the Father. This Spirit was to teach the disciples all things that Jesus had told them and to bring all things to their remembrance. What a wonderful Teacher!

Also we need Him. Ask the Father for this Comforter and Teacher.

And now Jesus spoke of a great blessing which He has for His people: peace. We need peace in this world of sin and sorrow, temptations and trouble. He went away, but left peace with His believers. And it is peace that He gives unto them. He gives not as the world gives. And how does the world give? It gives peace for a short time, and that only a worldly peace. But Jesus made peace, everlasting peace, with God for us by His blood on the cross. Have you this peace, my friend? To those that have it He says: "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." No, they need not fear, for His promise is: "I come again unto you."

Jesus was going to the Father through suffering and death. And if they had loved Him, they would have rejoiced because He was going, for the Father is greater than He. Now He was with them as a poor humble man, and therefore they ought to have been glad to learn that their Lord was going to the Father in glory to rule over all things for their good. All these things He spake to them that they might believe when these things would come to pass. Now His time to suffer was near, and He would no more speak many things with them, for the prince of this world, that is, the devil, was coming. He now was leading Judas and the servants of the high priest and the soldiers against Him to take Him. For their comfort Jesus adds these words: "And he hath nothing in Me." Satan could not defeat Him. But why must Jesus, the mighty Lord, suffer? That the world may know that He loves the Father and that He does as the Father gave Him commandment. And He was ready to go and to do the Father's commandment and to save us from the power of darkness, and therefore He said: "Arise, let us go hence" (from here). Trust in this mighty Savior, and everlasting peace is yours.

Read this Bible-lesson again and answer these questions in writing: 1. Whom will the Father send in Jesus' name, and why? 2. Why need the heart of the believer not be troubled, neither be afraid?

*Prayer:* Mighty Savior and Prince of Peace, send Thy Holy Spirit to teach us Thy Word and to fill our hearts with that peace which Thou hast made by Thy blood, and having hearts filled with Thy peace, let us go out and bring this peace to many others unto Thy glory. Amen.

### Study for Sunday, July 17.

*"Be filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ," Phil. 1, 11.*

Bible-Lesson: John 15, 1—8.

"I am the true Vine, and My Father is the Husbandman. Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine, no more can ye except ye abide in Me. I am the Vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in Me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch and is withered; and men gather them and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in Me and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is My Father glorified that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples."

Christians should bear much fruit; that means, they should be rich in good works. But that they can do only if they abide (stay) in Jesus, who loved them and died for them. This Jesus makes very plain to us in our lesson.

Jesus is like a vine, a grape-vine, and all His Christians are as the branches. By faith they cling to this Savior as the branches cling to the vine. They are washed clean from sin through His Word and then serve Him in the beauty of holiness. The Father is the Husbandman, or the Keeper, of the vine. Every branch that does not bear fruit the keeper will cut off. So if a disciple of Jesus does not live a good and holy life, the Father will take him away. And as the keeper purges (cuts off useless shoots from) the branch that gives grapes and it then gives more fruit, so the Father through His Word cleanses the Christian that does good, and he will do more good, since by the Word He keeps the Christian in and with Jesus. Without Him a Christian can do nothing, just as a branch can bear no grapes if it does not stay in the vine, v. 4. Let us therefore love His Word, and we shall stay in Him and do much good.

And what will He do with a man who abides (stays) not in Jesus? He will cast (throw) him forth (out), as the keeper throws out a branch and it is withered (dried up). And men then gather these dry branches and throw them into the fire. So all those that stay not in Jesus, God



will throw into everlasting fire. Friend, stay in and with Jesus.

Blessed are you if you abide in Him and His words abide in you; for then you shall ask what you will (wish), and it shall be done unto you, v. 7. A man who stays in Jesus will pray much, will pray in everything, in all he will (wishes), and it shall be given unto him. Come, let us abide in Him, and let His Word abide in us; and then let us pray much in Jesus' name, and great blessings shall be upon us. And by such a life rich in good works the Father that sent the Son shall be glorified. And so we shall be His disciples, His true followers. May God grant this!

Read this Bible-lesson again and answer these questions in writing: 1. What does Jesus expect of His Christians? 2. Why does He want us to do much good?

*Prayer:* Jesus Christ, by Thy Holy Spirit help that we stay in Thee and Thy Word and be rich in good works unto the glory of Thy Father, who sent Thee to die for us and to save us. Amen.

#### Study for Sunday, July 24.

*"By love serve one another," Gal. 5, 13.*

Bible-Lesson: John 15, 9—17.

"As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you; continue in My love. If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love even as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things have I spoken unto you that My joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full. This is My commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are My friends if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants, for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain, that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you. These things I command you that ye love one another."

"Faith worketh by love," Paul writes. Believers love Jesus, who first loved them. This love of Jesus is a wonderful love. The Father dearly loved the Son, and just as dearly the Son loves us. There is no greater love than His love. He says: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." This He did on the cross. And now we should abide, or continue, in His love. This we do if we keep His

commandments. As dear children love their parents and gladly do as they say, so will we, if we love Jesus, gladly do His commandments and please Him. And He gives us a good example. He kept the Father's commandments and stayed in His love. As Jesus loved the Father, so we should love the Son. May we never forget His great love to us, but love Him because He first loved us and continue in it unto the end! Then His joy will remain (stay) in us and our joy will be full. To know the love of Jesus is true joy. And it is also great joy to serve the Savior by keeping His commandments. Do you know this joy? There is no greater joy than to know Him and to work for Him.

Which are His commandments? He answers: "This is My commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you." He loved us indeed. He laid down His life for us. We are His friends. He calls His disciples not servants, for the servant knows not what his lord does. He calls them friends, for all things that He had heard of the Father He made known unto them. All these things He made known also to us in His holy Word. He hides nothing from us. As a dear friend He loves us and tells us everything. Are you His friend? He says: "Ye are My friends if ye do whatsoever [everything that] I command you." Do not say, I am Christ's friend, if you do not keep His commandments.

And how did the disciples become His friends? Not of themselves. He says: "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and ordained [appointed] you." They did not choose Jesus for their Friend, but He chose them and ordained (made) them His friends. And so He made us His friends. We cannot by our own reason or strength believe in our Lord Jesus Christ, or come to Him. And why did He make us His friends? That we should go and bring forth fruit, that is, do good and keep His commandments. And He did this also that our fruit should remain. All the works of the world will be destroyed, but all that we do for Jesus will stay forever, as Matt. 25, 31—46 tells us. And then He made us His friends that whatsoever (everything that) we shall ask of the Father in His name, He may give it us. See how Jesus loves us. And now, as He loved us, so we should love one another. We should lay down our life for one another, pray for one another, and serve one another in love as Jesus did unto us.

May His love always abide in us and fill us with love towards Him and one another.

Read this Bible-lesson again and answer these questions in writing: 1. How did Jesus manifest (show) Himself as a true Friend? 2. How should Christians manifest themselves as His friends?

*Prayer:* Loving Savior, thanks and praise to Thee for Thy great love to us. Help that we trust in this Thy great love and be saved and then love Thee and keep Thy commandments and also love one another as Thou hast loved us. Amen.

### Study for Sunday, July 31.

*"Ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake,"  
Matt. 10, 22.*

**Bible-Lesson: John 15, 18—27.**

"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated Me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept My saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for My name's sake, because they know not Him that sent Me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin; but now they have no cloak for their sin. He that hateth Me hateth My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin; but now have they both seen and hated both Me and My Father. But this cometh to pass that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their Law, They hated Me without a cause. But when the Comforter is come whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me; and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with Me from the beginning."

We love Jesus, because He first loved us. But if we love Him, the world will hate us, for it hates Jesus also. And that should be our comfort. The world hated Jesus before it hated us. And why does the world hate the believer? Because he is not of the world, is not like the world. He does not think and speak and do as the world does. If he were of the world, it would love him. But now Jesus has chosen the Christian out of the world no more to think and speak and do as the world, and therefore the world hates him.

That we must expect if we follow Jesus. This we should not forget. Our Lord says: "Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not

greater than his lord." The servant must not expect better things than his master receives. If they have persecuted (hurt) Jesus, they will also persecute His servant; if they have kept His saying, they will keep also the words of His servant. If you follow Jesus, you must expect that they will do unto you as they did unto Him. Let us gladly suffer shame with Him who died for us all on the shameful cross.

The world hates the Christian for Jesus' name's sake, that is, because he loves the name of Jesus and preaches only this name as that whereby man must be saved. And this the world does because they know not the Father, who sent the Son. People know not, and believe not, that Jesus is come from heaven. They think that He is only a man like other men, and they will not believe that He is the Son of God. Jesus came and spoke to the world and did wonderful works, such as no other man did. If He had not done this, then they would not have sin, and they would have an excuse. But now they have no cloak (covering or excuse) for their sin. They have seen both Him and the Father, for He that sees Christ has seen the Father also; and they have hated both, for he that hates the Son hates the Father also. And so was fulfilled the word written in the Old Testament: "They hated Me without a cause." He came to help the world from sin and to save them forever, and the world hates Him. But they have no cause, or reason, for hating Him and His Christians, who want to see all saved and happy forever.

Surely, we need comfort in this world that hates Jesus and those that love Him. Therefore He promises a Comforter, the Holy Ghost. This Comforter He promises to send from the Father. He proceeds (comes out) from the Father with the truth. This truth is the Word of Jesus. He comes and testifies (speaks) of Jesus and brings us to faith in Him and keeps us in this one true faith. That is the Christian's comfort in this wicked world. And full of the Holy Ghost, he will bear witness and speak of this Christ, as did the disciples who were with Him from the beginning. Have you received this comfort of the Holy Spirit? Then rejoice and go out telling others of this Jesus and His blood, which washes away all sin.

Read this Bible-lesson again and answer these questions in writing, and then send all your answers to your pastor: 1. What must a Christian expect in this world? 2. Why does the world hate the Christian?

*Prayer:* Jesus Christ, Savior of all men, but hated of the world, help that we gladly suffer shame with Thee in this world. Send Thy Holy Spirit into our hearts to comfort us with Thy Word. Fill us with Thy Spirit that we boldly go out and tell all the world of Thee and Thy salvation. Amen.

J. L. S.

## IN THE MORNING MAIL.

*Duluth Mission.*—The May issue of the *Manitoba Echo* brought the sad news that Mrs. Harry Gardner of Cayley, Alberta, passed away on April 6 after a lingering illness. Mrs. Gardner was a friend of our mission, having attended our services in Calgary and High River. She also showed her interest in our work by supporting the sale of Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals, so that the sick of Wheat Ridge might also hear the Gospel, which she valued so highly. May many more Canadian deaf take the same interest in their Savior, and may it soon be possible for us to reopen services in High River and Calgary in order that these deaf may learn more about their Savior! Services in the stations where Mrs. Gardner attended have been discontinued for financial reasons since 1930.

W. F.

*Texas Mission.*—In order to be able to conduct twenty-four services, the missionary traveled 6,000 miles, an average of 250 miles for every service. The message which he brings must indeed be important. There is no doubt about that; for his message is the living Gospel for a dying world and "a changeless Christ for a changing world."

M. A. M.

*Seattle Mission.*—We are still in the land of the living, and the work of the Master goes on. After a winter that to us who had been accustomed to the blizzards of Kansas seemed very mild, although we had much snow and rain, we are now enjoying the most beautiful of weather.

Our deaf are feeling the hard times. Many of them have been without work for some years. As a result our contributions have become much smaller. However, trusting Him who has numbered the very hairs on our head, we go about our work with a happy heart.

The attendance at all stations has been good, and our deaf friends have shown a fine spirit of helpfulness. It is but natural that not all our hopes materialize; we meet with some disappointments. Nevertheless we have the assurance that the Word of the Lord cannot return void, but must do what is pleasing to the Lord.

The Seattle deaf planned, and carried out, a fine surprise for their pastor on his birthday. About 49 deaf were present. The deaf made us a present of money and gave us some other gifts. Thank you, kind friends!

Mrs. E. E. Hudson of Tacoma has been in the hospital for several weeks. We hope she may soon be able to return home. Our Tacoma friends are loyal.

At Anacortes our friends attend church 100 per cent., rain or shine. That makes us feel very happy, and we do not mind the distance or the weather because we know at the end of the road our faithful friends are waiting

for us, and we are always met with warm smiles of welcome.

The Vancouver, B. C., field holds many promises, and we enjoy visiting among our friends there. They, too, are feeling the hard times; many are out of work.

In Bellingham, Washington, our friends attend the services very well. We have a 90-per-cent. attendance there. Mrs. Carlson, who was sick for many months, is home again and is feeling as well as she looks. We were all glad to see her back in church at Bellingham after her long absence.

The Everett, Washington, deaf are having rather a time of it at present, with the mills closed down; but they manage to make both ends meet. Best of all, they attend church.

Aberdeen, Washington, is showing improvement, but owing to present conditions only few of our deaf are working. Our flock there is small, but those who do attend church are faithful.

So we work from day to day, knowing our labors are not in vain in the Lord.

W. A. W.

*Minneapolis Mission.*—Saturday, June 4, it was five years that Mr. and Mrs. E. Koch had been joined together in holy wedlock. The members of Grace Congregation and a number of hearing relatives and friends therefore gathered in the home of Mrs. Koch's sister and rejoiced with them in God's goodness and mercy toward them with praise and thanksgiving. The pastor gave a brief address, several of the ladies rendered hymns in signs, and then all wished the happy couple God's richest blessings for future happiness. Thereupon their second son, Paul Kenneth, was brought to Christ in Holy Baptism and thus, born of water and of the Spirit, was made a child of God. May God keep him in this grace! And may our good Lord be with them all and bless their home with many years of peace and happiness!

J. L. S.

*Kansas City Mission.*—Attendance during the first quarter was as follows: Atchison, 26; Frankfort-Marysville, 6 (joint service); Herington, 4; Joplin, 4; Kansas City, 147; Lawrence, 15; Leavenworth, 11; Oklahoma City, 25; Olathe, 5; Pueblo, 9; St. Joseph, 8; Salina, 10; Springfield, 9; Tulsa, 17; Wichita, 24. In addition to the services the total Sunday-school attendance at Wichita was 100. Sunday-school attendance at Oklahoma City was 34. At the latter station Mr. and Mrs. W. Beckham and Mrs. V. Rogers now have charge of the Sunday-school. In this audience we frequently have a seventy-six-year-old gentleman who walks three miles to the bus and street-car line. (Should not this fine example encourage others to greater eagerness for church attendance?)

After a brief illness Mrs. W. Lueders of Kansas City was taken to her eternal home on April 23.

Mr. Carl Pope, formerly of Miami, Oklahoma, passed away at the Sanitarium, Mount Vernon, Missouri, on June 8.

Mr. Virgil Bates of Chetopa, Kansas, and Miss Madeline George of Joplin, Missouri, were recently united in holy matrimony. Congratulations!

A. E. F.

*Central California.*—In the Acts of the Apostles we read that by preaching the churches were established in the faith and increased in numbers. And without a doubt the Spirit of God continues with our preaching, for there is no other explanation for the joyful results. In Oakland and Berkeley nineteen deaf are being organized into an instruction class, and they have already made provision for their Communion utensils. A class will soon be formed at San Francisco, but at present our attention must be centered on a few deaf-blind, who must be taught to read either the Braille or the Moon system. Recently the missionary was asked to take over the regular services for the hearing blind at the Industrial Home at Oakland and also the instruction of a blind boy at the Berkeley school. Eighteen hearing blind attended the service, and there is little doubt that with a bit of pastoral contact this number can be doubled. At the present time the missionary believes that he can hardly take over this additional work. Our desire is to have Pastor A. Kuntz of Alhambra develop this particular mission endeavor. Three oral pupils of the Santa Fe school, of confirmation age, are also taking instructions. We are now in the midst of that golden, glowing sunny weather of California. We had feared that the splendid attendance would drop, but even up to last Sunday the San Francisco group numbered forty-five.

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reach of the great majority. Most of the reading-material was furnished free by loan libraries. The only religious reading came from the Catholic Church, the Adventists, Christian Scientists, Theosophists, Mormons, Spiritists, and Jews.—*Sel.*

### “Christ Died for Us.”

You can easily remember these four words. To illustrate their meaning. Some soldiers stationed on the coast of Africa were ordered to march inland. The party comprised a young officer, his servant, and his men. All the first day they walked and found no water, but on the second day they found plenty, and there they decided to camp. Noticing a lion's track, the officer wanted to have some sport, and so he secured a place where they could see the lion come to drink without being observed. Soon they heard a lion roaring. He came nearer and nearer until he was at the water's edge. The officer fired, but only scorched the lion's back, which made him angry.

He lashed his tail and, seeing the officer, crouched for a spring upon him. His servant, seeing the danger, sprang with his bayonet charged, and thus received the lion as he sprang, and soon he was dispatched. But as the lion alighted, he struck the servant with his paw and hurt him so badly that he soon died. The young officer, deeply grateful, called his men and dug a grave for his faithful servant, putting

up at the head of it the inscription, “He died for me.”

But it is true in a far more wonderful sense of each of us that the Lord Jesus died for us, for our sins, to save us. Do we trust Him, then, love Him, and seek to follow Him because He did so much for us?—*Selected.*

#### A Thought in Braille

“ IT IS MORE BLESSED TO  
GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE ”

This cut, showing a sentence in ink-print and, above each letter, the corresponding Braille character, will answer the queries of many readers who have asked what Braille looks like. The Braille characters are embossed for the blind on thick paper and are read by touch.

#### Religious Literature for the Blind.

In 1926 the Board of Mission to Deaf-mutes was called upon to begin mission-work for the Blind through the publication of Christian literature in the type they could read. Lacking sight, they must depend on their sense of touch. They must learn to see with their fingers. But there were five different systems in use. The printing of each one of them being very expensive, the majority of blind being poor, and those able to read being divided into five different groups through the different systems made literature for the blind very scarce. But in no department was the scarcity as great as in religion. True, the Bible was printed in all five system, but the high price put it out of

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