

# THE INSTRUCTOR



*"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16*

Volume 1

NOVEMBER, 1964

Number 11

## THE BIBLE TELLS US HOW TO BE SAVED

1. THE BIBLE TELLS US "THAT CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS". (1 Tim. 1:15). Since "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23), it follows that we have need of a Saviour. He came "to seek and to save that which was lost." (Lk. 19:10). "... when the fullness of time was come God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." (Gal. 4:4-5). Yes, Jesus was born for the explicit purpose of saving "his people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21).

2. THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT GOD IS "NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH." (2 Pet. 3:9). "God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:16-17). Such a Divine demonstration of love is positive proof that God wants none to perish. It is evident that God wills that the world be saved through His Son, Jesus Christ. We are not surprised to learn that salvation is "in Christ Jesus." (2 Tim. 2:10). In His love God tells us that we are "baptized into Christ." (Gal. 3:27).

3. THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT WE MUST HEAR CHRIST "IN ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER HE SHALL SAY . . ." (Acts 3:22). God said, "hear ye Him." (Matt. 17:5). On one occasion the mother of Jesus said, "Whatsoever He saith unto you do it." (John 2:5). And

Jesus Himself said, "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man . . ." (Matt. 7:24).

4. THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT "WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD." (Heb. 11:6). "... faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Rom. 10:17). So we must take advantage of every opportunity to know the word of God. Jesus said, "for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins." (John 8:24).

5. THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT WE MUST ALL REPENT OR WE WILL ALL PERISH. (cf. Lk. 13: 3,5). Godly sorrow leads to a change of mind resulting in a change in conduct. That is repentance. Let us learn that all must "come to repentance," (2 Pet. 3:9), if we would be saved.

6. THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT WE MUST CONFESS THE GOOD CONFESSION. (1 Tim. 6:12 A.S.V.) Biblically stated the confession we make is that we "believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." (Acts 8:37). No other confession can be made and still "walk by faith." (2 Cor. 5:7).

7. THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT "BAPTISM DOTH ALSO NOW SAVE US." (1 Pet. 3:21). The Bible does not say baptism alone saves. It does say, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mk. 16:16). Sprinkling is not baptism, for the Bible tells us that we are to be "buried with Him in baptism." (Col. 2:12). The Bible tells us that bap-

(Continued on page 4)

## THE INSTRUCTOR

Published monthly in the interest of truth and righteousness by the congregation of Christ that meets at 1003 Baltimore Ave., Albertville, Alabama.

CARROL R. SUTTON  
EDITOR

Send all questions, comments and criticisms to the editor at 1003 Baltimore Ave., Albertville, Ala.

### Editorial - -

#### "CONSIDER WHAT I SAY"

In his second epistle to the young preacher Timothy, the Apostle Paul said, "Consider what I say; and the Lord give the understanding in all things." (2 Tim. 2:7). The word CONSIDER conveys the idea of MEDITATING UPON or PONDERING SERIOUSLY. Paul promised Timothy that the Lord would give him understanding if he would consider what Paul said. Paul received the gospel that he taught by the revelation of Jesus Christ. (Gal. 1:11-12). In order for Timothy to receive understanding it was essential that he meditate seriously upon the things that Paul taught.

It is in order that we consider the things that Paul wrote to Timothy that we might also receive understanding of his knowledge of the gospel. Let us now consider some of the things that he taught Timothy.

1. "HOLD FAST THE FORM OF SOUND WORDS, WHICH THOU HAST HEARD OF ME, IN FAITH AND LOVE WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS." (2 Tim. 1:13). You and I can also receive understanding if we consider these things. First, from this passage we learn that we must "HOLD FAST" to something. Secondly, we learn that we should "hold fast THE FORM OF SOUND WORDS" which Paul had taught Timothy, and thirdly, we should hold fast the form of sound words "IN FAITH AND LOVE WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS." In other words, there is a pattern by which we must think, speak and act. We have no right to go contrary to the "FORM OF SOUND WORDS."

2. "AND THE THINGS THAT THOU HAST HEARD OF ME AMONG MANY WITNESSES, THE SAME COMMIT THOU TO FAITHFUL MEN, WHO

SHALL BE ABLE TO TEACH OTHERS ALSO." (2 Tim. 2:2). Timothy had the obligation of committing what Paul had taught him to others who were faithful who in turn would be able to teach others also. Both men and women who are faithful have an obligation to teach others. Of course, in our teaching, we must keep in mind the restrictions that Paul has given to govern both men and women. (Consider 1 Tim. 2:11-12 and 1 Cor. 14: 34-35). All of us should feel an obligation to teach others the truth that is able to free sinners from the bondage of sin.

3. "STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD, A WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH." (2 Tim. 2:15). It is obvious from this verse that Timothy was not inspired. It was necessary that he study or consider what Paul said that he might show himself approved unto God, rightly dividing the Word of truth. God does not reveal his will directly to men today by the Holy Spirit as He did to the apostles in the first century. Only those who study God's Word are able to rightly divide it. Many who fail to study do not know whether we are under the Old Testament that God gave to Israel through Moses or the New Testament of Jesus Christ. Do You?

4. "YEA, AND ALL THAT WILL LIVE GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTIONS." (2 Tim. 3:12). Paul's life was characterized by persecutions and afflictions. He fought with beasts at Ephesus. He was stoned at Lystra. He was beaten at Philippi and imprisoned. Paul was taken captive in Jerusalem and finally imprisoned in Rome. All of the things occurred because he preached "Christ and Him crucified." Paul admonished Timothy in 2 Tim. 1:8 to be a "partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God." In 1 Pet. 4:16, Peter said, "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf." Are you willing to suffer for the cause of Christ? Would you rejoice if you have the privilege? Acts 5:41 records the fact that the apostles "departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name."

5. "ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY

(Continued on page 4)

## Doing Things Because We Always Have

"Shall Churches of Christ of this present time take the Bible for their sole rule of faith and practice, or will they be governed by customs instead — that is, doing things because we have always done them? The rule of the church is not traditional. In other words, a thing is not right because we have been doing it over a period of time. In religion, it is right because the New Testament teaches it, and not because we have been practicing it. Just as long as the church of Christ practices anything untaught in the New Testament, it is impossible to oppose the denominations in teaching and practicing the doctrines and commandments of men. — C. M. Pullias, Gospel Advocate, 1936 via The "Texas Bible Banner."

### Schedule Of Services

#### LORD'S DAY:

BIBLE STUDY ..... 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP ..... 11:00 A.M.

WORSHIP ..... 6:00 P.M.

#### WEDNESDAY:

BIBLE STUDY ..... 7:00 P.M.

COME AND BE WITH US WHEN  
YOU CAN!

## One Way To Use A Sample

A tobacco company sent some samples of cigarettes to some high school boys and girls with this explanation: "We are sending you a package of our purest cigarettes. We hope you will use them to your satisfaction and want more."

One of the boys used the cigarettes and wrote back to the company these words: "I received the package of cigarettes and used them to my satisfaction. I put them in a quart of water and sprayed our bug infested rose bushes. Every bug died. These cigarettes are a good poison. I want more next year in case some of the bugs survive."—Selected from The Paris Ave., Reminder.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I wonder if the company sent the cigarettes requested by that boy. It would certainly be "good" advertising for any tobacco company, wouldn't it?

## BE A CHRISTIAN

There is no better life! Nothing in the world can compare with the joys and satisfaction of being a Christian, in the family of God.

Troubles and problems that otherwise would be unbearable can be borne with a living hope, and heartaches and sorrows that pain within can find ease. The Lord has not promised us freedom from trials, but strength with which to meet them, with which to triumph; nor an absence of problems, but the assurance that we can stand and find the way in His word; nor an escape from troubles and hardships, but a striving example and ringing challenge of how to benefit from them.

Life itself brings its burdens and a man is foolish to refuse the help of the Lord. "Come unto me . . . take my yoke." We cannot bear successfully the yoke and burden of the world, but Christ's yoke is easy and His burden is light. Therefore, don't be discouraged by hypocrites, personal problems, opposition to the church, and the sundry trials that will come: "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might."

Comes soon the hour when our trials are over — dim fades the day of life, and swift advances the night of death. Into the hands of Him whom we have followed in our feeble but fervent way, and by Him to be judged. Beyond gossip's harm, beyond friends' help—completely in His hands. Excuses are vanished and idle intentions voided—our lives are opened, and we are bared before Him. An unspeakable death or a glittering home?

Oh, Be a Christian, and with an aim unswerving and a hope thereby undimmed, and labor for an eternal weight in glory.

—Jere Frost

### CLOSED EYES

Sometimes we talk with people who are holding to the traditions of their parents in matters of religion. Some will plainly state that they do not want to believe differently. This being their attitude, they refuse to study the Bible in an investigation of their practices. This reminds us of what Hambone says: "I don't b'lieve in no ha'n'ts—but I shets mah eyes w'en I passes de graveyard so's I won' see nothin' to start me b'lievin'."

—Mason Harris via "Herald of Peace"

(Continued from page 2)

### "CONSIDER WHAT I SAY"

INSPIRATION OF GOD AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS: THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE PERFECT, THOROUGHLY FURNISHED UNTO ALL GOOD WORKS" (2 Tim. 3:16-17). We should respect the Scripture as being from God and not of men. We should teach no doctrine that is not taught in the Scripture. When reproof and correction are needed, we should remember that the Scripture is sufficient to reprove and correct. The Scripture will instruct us in righteousness if we will consider what inspired men have written. In fact, the man of God is completely furnished unto all good works by the Scripture. Dear reader, don't invade God's wisdom in trying to determine what good works are. Respect and receive only what the Scripture teaches. Let it be your guide in determining such matters. Do you think that it is a good work for churches to contribute out of their treasuries to human organizations like Childhaven, Inc., and David Lipscomb College? If so, why? Does the Scripture authorize such? If so, where? Do you think that it is a good work for churches to provide social, recreational and entertainment activities as a part of their work? If so, why? Can you find such authorized in the Scripture? If so, where?

Let us all always be willing to consi-

(Continued from page 1)

### THE BIBLE TELLS US HOW TO BE SAVED

tism is "for the remission of sins." (Acts 2:38; Also see Acts 22:16).

8. THE BIBLE TELLS US TO BE "FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH." (Rev. 2:10). The way to do this is to "Abstain from all appearance of evil," (1 Thess. 5:22), and be "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." (1 Cor. 15:58).

9. Since the Bible tells us that the wicked "shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal", (Matt. 25:46), let me plead with you, dear reader, to heed the blessed invitation of the Son of God. Please turn to Matthew 11:28-29 and read it yourself. — Lynn D. Headrick in "The Bible Instructor".

### HEAR THE GOSPEL!

Over WBSA, 1300 on the dial.

Monday through Friday at 11:15 A.M.

Speaker: Carrol R. Sutton

Please tune in and tell others!

2 COR. 7:1 — "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

der what inspired men have said on all matters so that we may receive understanding! Judgment day is coming!

## Sentence Sermons

Some people speak from experience; others, from experience, don't speak.

CAUTION: Be sure that your brain is engaged before you put your tongue in gear!

Some members become so busy trying to build up the Lord's Church that they forget that He has all authority in it.

Good intentions will not help a man if he takes the wrong road.

There is no food value in "wild oats".

CHURCH OF CHRIST  
1003 Baltimore Ave.  
Albertville, Ala. 35950

Entered as second-class matter  
at Albertville, Alabama