# **December 1** 1 Corinthians 11-13

# **CHAPTER 11**

**B**E ye followers of me, even as I also *am* of Christ.

2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered *them* to you.

3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman *is* the man; and the head of Christ *is* God.

4 Every man praying or prophesying, having *his* head covered, dishonoureth his head.

5 But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with *her* head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.

7 For a man indeed ought not to cover *his* head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. 8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man.

9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.

10 For this cause ought the woman to have power on *her* head because of the angels.

11 Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.

12 For as the woman *is* of the man, even so *is* the man also by the woman; but all things of God.

13 Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?

14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for *her* hair is given her for a covering.

16 But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

17. Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse.

18 For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it.

19 For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.

20 When ye come together therefore into one place, *this* is not to eat the Lord's supper.

21 For in eating every one taketh before *other* his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.

22 What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise *you* not.

23. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread:

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25 After the same manner also

*he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me.

26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30 For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

34 And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

# CHAPTER 12

Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and *that* no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another *divers* kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

12. For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ.

13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

14 For the body is not one member, but many.

15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

17 If the whole body *were* an eye, where *were* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *were* the smelling?

18 But now hath God set the

members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

19 And if they were all one member, where *were* the body?

20 But now *are they* many members, yet but one body.

21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

23 And those *members* of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely *parts* have more abundant comeliness.

24 For our comely *parts* have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that *part* which lacked:

25 That there should be no schism in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another.

26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

27. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

# CHAPTER 13

**T**HOUGH I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

2 And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

4. Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not; charity

vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8. Charity never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.

# **DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS**

In chapter 11 Paul deals with the disorders in the public assembly at Corinth. As we read this chapter, certain problems are evident. Meetings were disorderly and unscriptural. Women were taking the lead from men, and various members were competing for leadership and the opportunity to speak. Generally speaking, there was confusion on every hand and the church was projecting a poor testimony before the lost.

Chapter 11 also deals directly with disorder at the Lord's Supper. The cause of this disorder was the lack of subordination by women, divisions in the church, and selfish motives by Christians. In verses 23-30 we see the consequences of the disorders. The people were judged instead of blessed, and because they served a faithful and just God, they were chastised. In verses 31-34 we see a correction of these disorders. The people must judge themselves; they must have mutual love for one another; and they must have spiritual discernment. Verses 23-31 give the order and meaning of the Lord's Supper. One should never partake of the Lord's Supper until he has examined himself and confessed all known sin. If he drinks of the cup and eats of the bread unworthily, he shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. It is a Christian's duty to judge himself, so he will not be judged (verse 31).

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.

Chapter 12 begins with the discussion of spiritual gifts. In this chapter Paul explains the work of the Spirit in the church as He bestows spiritual gifts upon various members.

Chapter 13 is commonly referred to as the love chapter. Paul emphasizes the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22,23) and says they are more important than the miraculous gifts of the Spirit. When churches strive for miraculous experiences, rather than Christian holiness and character, many times they will find division, confusion and carnality cropping up among them. The word charity means love in action. In verses 4-7 we are shown that love is effectual; patient and kind; it never harbors jealousy; is not boastful or proud; not rude or self-seeking; it never harbors evil thoughts; and it gives victory. Finally, in verses 8-13, we are shown that love is eternal. Verse 13 gives us a comparison of faith, hope, and love. They abide forever, and charity is the greatest. Why? Because God Himself is love.

# **PROVERB FOR TODAY**

"He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; but he that despiseth his ways shall die" (Proverbs 19:16).

# TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

Spend this month reviewing the previous 13 lessons. For today, review Memory Verse Assignment 27 (found on page 9).

# HYMN FOR THE DAY

#### HOW TEDIOUS AND TASTELESS THE HOURS

John Newton, 1725-1807

The gospel of Jesus Christ revolves around the two Advents of the Savior: The first when He came as the humble baby in Bethlehem's manger (Philippians 2:6-8); the second when He returns as King of kings with power and great glory, to establish His eternal kingdom (Luke 21:27). Christ's first coming assures us that we now have a God who identified Himself with us in every aspect of life from birth to death. The anticipation of His second coming assures us that we will live and reign with Him forever. Such a hope keeps this life from becoming "tedious and tasteless"—regardless of the seasons or situations.

The ultimate source of inner joy is God Himself, not our circumstances. Without an intimate sense of His daily presence, however, our lives can easily become wintry and frigid.

"BUT WHEN I AM HAPPY WITH HIM, DECEM-BER'S AS PLEASANT AS MAY."

"How Tedious and Tasteless the Hours" is another of the fine hymns by John Newton. It first appeared in his 1779 collection titled The Olney Hymns. The hymn was originally titled "Fellowship with Christ" based on Psalm 73:25. These words still speak vividly to us of the importance of maintaining a close personal relationship with our Lord:

How tedious and tasteless the hours when Jesus no longer I see! Sweet prospects, sweet birds, and sweet flowers have all lost their sweetness to me. The midsummer sun shines but dim; the fields strive in vain to look gay; but when I am happy with Him, December's as pleasant as May.

Content with beholding His face, my all to His pleasure resigned, no changes of season or place would make any change in my mind: While blest with a sense of His love, a palace a toy would appear; and prisons would palaces prove, if Jesus would dwell with me there.

Dear Lord, if indeed I am Thine, if Thou art my sun and my song, say, why do I languish and pine, and why are my winters so long? Oh, drive these dark clouds from my sky, Thy soul-cheering presence restore; or take me unto Thee on high, where winter and clouds are no more.

# **BIRTHDAY TODAY**

#### **MERELENE RICHARDSON**

# ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY 1882

#### TITUS COAN DIED.

He is reputed to have been Hawaii's greatest missionary between 1838 and 1860. He baptized and received into church membership 11,960 members. He died at the age of 82. Some think he was one of the greatest missionaries of Christian church history. Again today pray for missionaries. Let us not fail them. Those who have left homeland, friends, and family to go to foreign fields need our prayers, our support, and our encouragement. Let's pray for them today.

#### 1884

#### THE BIRTHDAY OF JAMES W. STORER.

From 1931 until 1956 he pastored the First Baptist Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and in 1953-54 was president of the Southern Baptist Convention. This calls our attention to our Southern Baptist brethren. Let us pray for them today that God will keep them faithful to the Word of God and after souls.

#### 1829

# **ROBERT W. DALE WAS BORN IN LONDON, ENGLAND.**

He was an English Congregational preacher and an educational reformer.

#### ALBERT BARNES WAS BORN.

He was an American Presbyterian preacher and Bible expositor. Perhaps he was best known for his eleven-volume NOTES ON THE NEW TESTAMENT and NOTES ON THE OLD TESTAMENT. He was brought to trial for his belief of unlimited atonement, but was acquitted. He was a converted man. He fought for total abstinence and was a very active man in Monday school work. Again let us pray for our Presbyterian brethren. Oh, for a revival in all of our churches and denominations of calling people to Jesus Christ and salvation through Him!

#### 607 в.с.

#### JEHOIAKIM BURNED THE ROLL FROM BARUCH THAT JEREMIAH HAD DICTATED TO HIM. Jeremiah 36:22,23.

588 B.C.

#### **EZEKIEL BEGAN LAMENTATION FOR PHARAOH.** Ezekiel 32:1,2.

#### 1935

#### THE RADIO BIBLE HOUR BEGAN.

On this day the Radio Bible Hour, under the direction of J. Harold Smith, began. Let us pray today for radio preachers. No doubt, each of us can think of several radio preachers in whom we have confidence. Let us pray for God to bless them today. Also, why not take this advantage to send an offering to some preacher who is on the radio by faith.

#### 1934

#### THE APPROXIMATE DATE OF THE ORDINA-TION OF DR. MONROE PARKER.

Dr. Parker is one of the most versatile men in God's work today. For a number of years he was Assistant to the President of Bob Jones University. He has been a successful pastor, a successful college president, and a spirit-filled evangelist. Let us thank God today for his ministry.

#### 1926

#### THE GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES WERE CONDUCTED FOR THE OPENING OF BOB JONES UNIVERSITY.

The ceremonies were conducted nine miles from Panama City, Florida. As the ground was broken, the crowd sang:

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Why not pause now to sing the above stanza. Then, of course, you will want to pray for the great Bob Jones University: Thank God for Bob Jones, Sr. Pray for every Christian college that remains faithful to the Word of God.

#### 1922

THE DATE OF THE EARTHQUAKE IN CHILE KILLING 200 PEOPLE.

### ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

#### 1641

Massachusetts became the first colony to give statutory recognition to slavery. Other colonies followed: Connecticut 1650; Virginia, 1661; Maryland, 1663; New York and New Jersey, 1664; South Carolina, 1682; Rhode Island and Pennsylvania, 1700; North Carolina. 1715; Georgia, 1750.

#### 1862

President Lincoln, in message to Congress, recommended the use of federal bonds to provide compensation for states that abolished slavery before 1900.

#### 1864

Mixed cavalry force, including Fifth and Sixth Colored Cavalry regiments, invaded southwest Virginia and destroyed salt mines at Saltville. Sixth Cavalry was especially brilliant in an engagement near Marion, Virginia.

#### 1873

Forty-third Congress (1873-75) convened with seven black congressmen: Richard H. Cain, Robert Brown Elliott, Joseph H. Rainey and Alonzo J. Ransier, South Carolina; James T. Rapier, Alabama; Josiah T. Walls, Florida; John R. Lynch, Mississippi.

Mifflin Wister Gibb elected city judge in Little Rock and became the first black to hold such a position.

Bennett College, Wiley College, and Alabama State College founded.

#### 1878

Arthur Spingarn, founder of the N.A.A.C.P., born.

#### 1955

Rosa Parks, a seamstress and activist, arrested after she refused to give her seat to a white man on a Montgomery (Ala.) bus.

# A Christian Life. . .

# JOHN WILBUR CHAPMAN (1859-1918)

**Presbyterian evangelist.** John W. Chapman was born in Indiana and educated at Oberlin College and Lane Seminary. He received the LL.D. from Heidelberg University. He held pastorates in Ohio, Indiana, New York, and Pennsylvania. He conducted evangelistic campaigns in Canada, Hawaii, the Fiji Islands, Australia, New Zealand, England, Scotland, Japan, Tasmania, and the Philippine Islands.

Chapman became the director of the Winona Lake Bible Conference and helped set up conferences at Stonybrooke, Long Island, and Montreat, North Carolina. He was made executive secretary of the Presbyterian General Assembly in 1903. He won thousands of souls to Jesus Christ and influenced hundreds of young men to enter the ministry. He was "cultured, earnest, enthusiastic, and sane." In his preaching and manner of life, he was never coarse or thoughtless. His preaching was calm, but forceful; emotional, but not dramatic.



## **MEMORY VERSE ASSIGNMENT 27 (for review):**

Please spend time reviewing these memory verses. If you have been completing the assignments in the TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING, then you already have spent a week memorizing the Scriptures below. Now it's time to review!

# EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION: THE SCRIPTURES CLAIM

# ( ) II Timothy 3:16

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

# ( ) II Timothy 3:17

That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

# ( ) I Peter 1:10

Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

# ( ) I Peter 1:11

Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

### ( ) II Peter 1:21

For the Prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.