
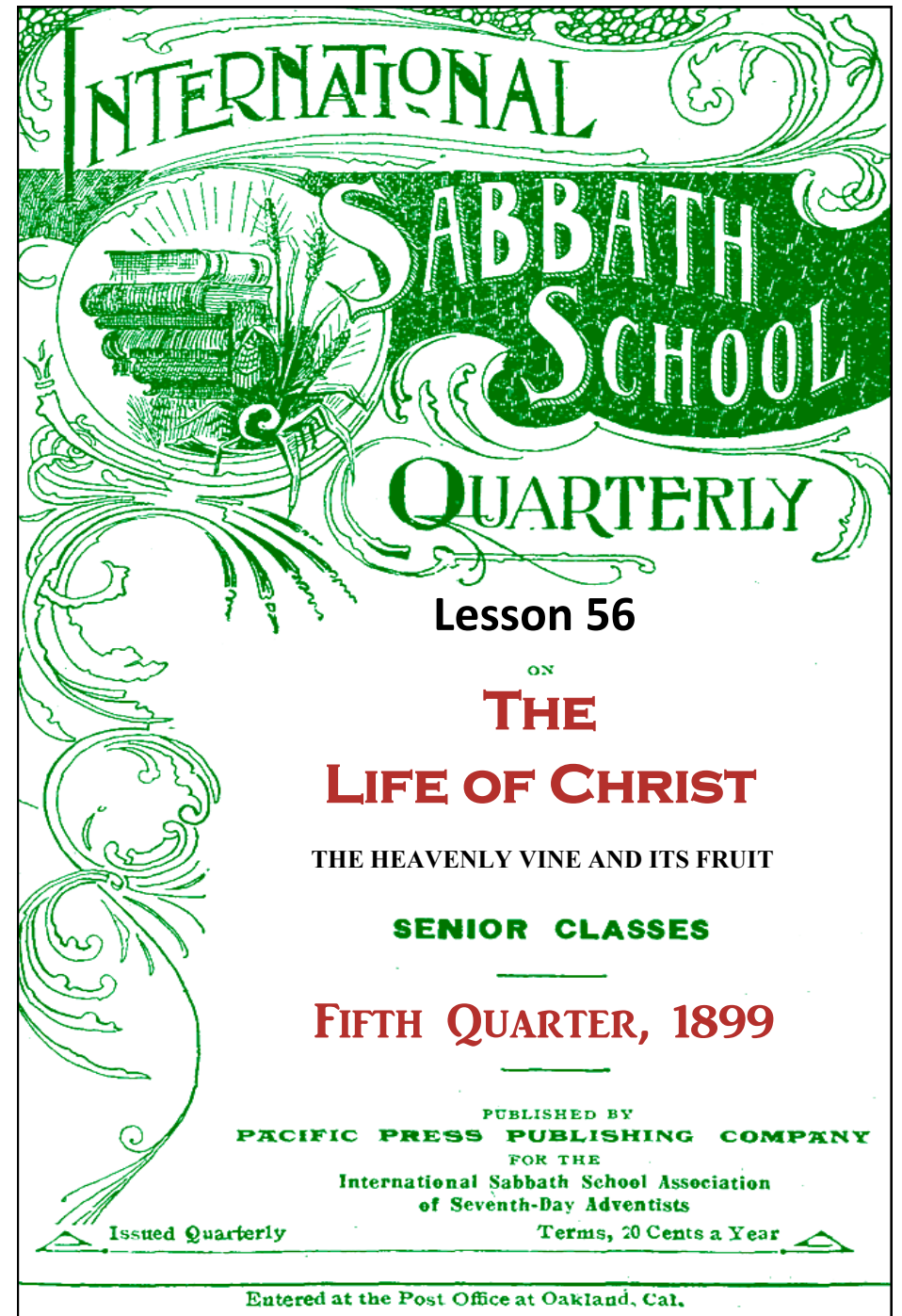


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(Matt. 26:31-35; Mark 14:27-31; John 15:1-16:1)

*Side Texts to be
studied with
questions*

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| 1. AFTER leaving the Passover chamber, what did Jesus call the attention of His disciples as a fit symbol of their relation to Him? John 15:1-5. | Jer. 11:16
1 John 2:6 | |
| 2. If one abides not in Christ, what is sure to be the result? Verse 6. | | |
| 3. By living in Christ, what great benefit is secured? Verses 7, 8. See note 1. | John 8: 31. | |
| 4. How may we abide in Christ? Verses 9, 10. See note 2. | | |
| 5. Why did Christ talk thus to His disciples? Verse 11. | Heb. 12:2;
Thess. 2 :19, 20. | |
| 6. To what extent are we commanded to abide in the love of Christ? Verses 12, 13, 17. | John to : 11, 15. | |
| 7. If we follow this command, what relationship shall we sustain to Christ? Verses 14-16. See note 3. | John 17:26. | |
| 8. Will friendship with Christ shield from the rude touch of the world? Verses 18,-21. | 2 Tim. 3:12. | |
| 9. How was Jesus treated by the world? What did His treatment signify? Verses 22-25. | Ps. 69:1-4. | |
| 10. What mission were the disciples to fulfil? By what were they to be prompted in their work? Verses 26, 27. | John 5: 6. | |

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| 11. Why had the Saviour thus instructed His followers? John 16:1 | |
| 12. What did Jesus say His disciples would soon do on His account? What scripture did He quote as evidence? Matt. 26:31. | Matt.11:5, 6. |
| 13. What reply did Peter make to this sweeping prediction? Verse 33. | |
| 14. How did the Lord meet these boastful words of Peter? Verse 34- | |
| 15. What did Peter and the others still confidently affirm? Verse 35. | |

READING

" Desire of Ages," chapter 73 ;
 " Spirit of Prophecy," vol. 3, chapter 6.

NOTES

1. The abiding in Christ is being as closely connected with Him as the branch is to the vine, which draws all its life and growth through the vine from its roots. This makes the branch so much a part of the vine as to be of the same nature; and, in fact, it is but an extension of the vine itself. To remain in that connection, the branch must bear only the fruit of the vine, which is the product of the life of the vine. To have such close connection with Christ is to receive life from God through Him, and to bear only that fruit which is the product of His life,—in short, to be the extension of Christ in humanity.
2. To abide in Christ, then, is to abide in His love; not simply to accept forgiveness *through* His love, but to make His love our own, and *live in it*. This is the transforming power of Christ, which changes life's ambition, and directs the thoughts from a self-centred to seek the up building of the distressed and wretched. This is the fruit of the heavenly vine, which its connected branches must certainly bear.
3. How different is a friend from a servant! No servant is made a confidant of family secrets; he has not the freedom of the family circle, does not participate in its united joys, and is not consulted in matters of family interest. He is just a servant, nothing more, doing what he is told, regardless of results. But a friend is welcomed in the family circle, is made a bosom companion, and given the place of honour as a guest. Matters of importance are confided to him, and his counsel sought. His is an enjoyable position. How much more so when we are counted friends of the Lord Jesus.