

W. Union  
3/20/49  
A.M.

# "The Christian Circle"

T. Hants  
3/20/39  
A.M.

Text: St. John 12: 32.

Sub: When Jesus was lifted up on the cross the eyes of men were fixed upon him. He had his circle of influence. He wanted it to reach to all men. It did and does. A Circle. It shuts things out and takes things in.

## I. Many kinds of circles.

1. Radio circle.

2. Sound - Voices heard Jesus.

3. Circles which men drew.

1. O. Testament. Exclusive -

Included only Hebrews. Hitler, trying to draw a circle. Mussolini, Tojo.

## II. The Circles of Jesus.

1. Inclusive.

Byzantine - Sidon  
Canaanite  
women.

1. Included Samaritan women

2. ~~women taken in adultery~~

3. Peter, who denied him.

4. Thief on cross.

Hard for his followers to make their circle as large as Jesus had his. - Peter. Denominational circles.

III. Circles which many  
Christian people draw

1. Racial - Simon of Cyrene  
Black, yellow, Red.
2. National - Mexican  
Chinese, Japanese, Indian
3. We must in our Church  
life get back to Circle of Jesus!  
1. In our personal lives!

He drew a circle that shut  
me out -  
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.  
But love and I had the  
wit to win;  
we drew a circle that took  
him in.

Cond. - Indian tribe seeking  
a new Chief. young  
man who could climb  
highest.