



**HOPEWELL MB CHURCH**  
**VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**  
**OVERVIEW STUDY GUIDE**

The following information is provided for participants who wish to study the lesson beforehand. The study materials are part of the **International Sunday School Lesson**, excerpted from the **Union Gospel Press Sunday School book**.

The overview will be presented each Sunday Morning @ 9:15, prior to regular Sunday Morning Worship Service. Lesson discussion material will be rotated weekly amongst the various Target Groups (Adult Women, Adult Men, Young Adult, Youth) in an effort to include all ages in this lesson series.

The Overview is merely a brief discussion of the bible lesson. In order to gain a better understanding of the lesson, it is recommended that, prior to each lesson, participants read through the **Lesson Text, Related Scriptures, Daily Bible Reading** scriptures (each day), try to answer the **Discussion Questions**, and make a note of any additional questions you may have. Prayer and meditation are always essential in gaining a better understanding of God's Word and its relevance to your life and situation.

Lessons may be viewed via facebook and youtube.

**May 2022**

**UNIT II: Encouragement From A Tested Servant**

**All lessons this month continue to focus on selected passages from I and II Corinthians written by the Apostle Paul to the church at Corinth**

**WEEK 1- Glory of The New Covenant:** This lesson focuses on showing how the new covenant, which was given by Christ, is different from the old covenant.

**WEEK 2- Our Heavenly Dwelling:** This lesson discusses our future hope in heaven and gives us a glimpse of the glory that awaits us

**WEEK 3- Ambassadors For Christ:** This lesson teaches us that our greatest purpose in life is to be Ambassadors for Christ

**WEEK 4- Spiritual Weapons:** This lesson deals with spiritual warfare and the difference between the weapons Christians have and what the world has

**WEEKS 5-Paul's Thorn In The Flesh:** This lesson focuses on Paul's heavenly vision and the purpose behind the thorn in his flesh

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**DATE OF LESSON:** May 1, 2022

**LESSON TITLE:** Glory of the New Covenant

**LESSON TEXT:** II Corinthians 3:7-18

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** Exodus 34:29-35; II Corinthians 4:13-18

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty”*  
(II Corinthians 3:17)

**TARGET AGE GROUP:** This week’s discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What terms does Paul use to describe the old covenant?
2. What terms does Paul use to describe the new covenant ?
3. How did the old covenant fulfill its purpose?
4. How should we view the law in terms of obedience?
5. Why were the children of Israel unable to look at Moses’ face?
6. Why did the glory of the new covenant far exceed the glory of the old covenant?
7. What did Paul say about the old covenant in comparison to the new covenant?
8. What is the basis of the Christian’s hope, according to Paul?
9. Why can we be bold in our proclamation of the gospel?
10. What does the fact that the glory faded from Moses’ face tell us about the old covenant?

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- Eyewitnesses of Jesus’ Majesty (II Peter 1:16-18)

T- Glory of the Preincarnate Christ (John 1:1-13)

W- The Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-12)

Th- The Radiance of God’s Glory (Hebrews 1:1-14)

F- Eternal Glory (II Corinthians 4:13-18)

Sa- Moses’ Veiled Face (Exodus 34:29-35)

Su- The Lord Is the Spirit (II Corinthians 3:7-18)

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**DATE OF LESSON:** May 8, 2022

**LESSON TITLE:** Our Heavenly Dwelling

**LESSON TEXT:** II Corinthians 5:1-10

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** I Corinthians 15:3-54; II Corinthians 4:1-12

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *“For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens ”* (II Corinthians 5:1)

**TARGET AGE GROUP:** This week’s discussion is taken from the **Young Adult Bible Class** book.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why does Paul use the term “tabernacle” to refer to our mortal bodies?
2. What do we learn about our present bodies from Genesis 3:19?
3. What does God see when He looks at the Christian?
4. What does nakedness often represent in Scripture?
5. Why do we as Christians groan?
6. What expectation is a key element of Christianity?
7. What is the Christian’s “earnest,” or guarantee, of one day receiving a heavenly dwelling?
8. Why does the Christian not need to see death as a source of despair?
9. What is the judgement seat of Christ?

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- A Heavenly Home (Hebrews 11:3-16)

T- The Dead In Christ Rise (I Thessalonians 4:13-18)

W- A Multitude In Heaven (Revelations 7:9-17)

Th- Citizenship In Heaven (Philippians 3:15-21)

F- Treasures In Clay Jars (II Corinthians 4:1-12)

Sa- The Resurrection Body (I Corinthians 15:35-54)

Su- An Eternal House In Heaven (II Corinthians 5:1-10)

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**DATE OF LESSON:** May 15, 2022

**LESSON TITLE:** Ambassadors For Christ

**LESSON TEXT:** II Corinthians 5:11-21

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** Romans 10:5-15; I Corinthians 3:5-9; Ephesians 2:11-22

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”* (II Corinthians 5:21)

**TARGET AGE GROUP:** This week’s discussion is taken from the **Youth Bible Class** book.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did Paul mean by “the terror of the Lord”?
2. What battle was Paul concerned with at Corinth?
3. What should our love for Christ compel us to do?
4. What does it mean to view others according to the flesh?
5. What does it mean to be a new creation?
6. What is reconciliation?
7. What is the danger of exclusively emphasizing God’s love?
8. Why is it necessary to faithfully proclaim God’s righteous wrath?

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- Ambassadors Commissioned (Matthew 28:18-20)

T- Paul Made An Ambassador (Acts 22:1-21)

W- How Shall They Hear? (Romans 10:9-18)

Th- Ambassadors Scorned (Matthew 22:2-10)

F- Peter As Ambassador (Acts 3:14-26)

Sa- A Better Covenant (Hebrews 12:18-24)

Su- Be Reconciled To God (II Corinthians 5:11-21)

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**DATE OF LESSON:** May 22, 2022

**LESSON TITLE:** Spiritual Weapons

**LESSON TEXT:** II Corinthians 10:1-12; 17,18

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** I Corinthians 2:1-16; Ephesians 6:10-18

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ”* (II Corinthians 10:5)

**TARGET AGE GROUP:** This week’s discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the basis of Paul’s entreaty to the Corinthians?
2. Why did the Corinthians fail to take Paul’s authority seriously?
3. What key truth did Paul understand about the conflict between him and the Corinthians?
4. What are some of the weapons we need to use in battling against Satan?
5. What are two important tools in personal evangelism?
6. What was Paul’s motivation in going to Corinth?
7. What did Paul want the Corinthians to perceive about him?
8. Why did Paul think it was wrong for anyone to boast in themselves?
9. What is the only thing for us to boast about?
10. Who will receive commendation from the Lord?

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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M- Fight A Good Fight (II Timothy 4:1-8)

T- The Christian’s Strength (Galatians 2:17-21)

W- Strength In God (Psalms 84:1-12)

Th- Weapons of Righteousness (II Corinthians 6:3-10)

F- Paul’s Desire (Romans 1:8-15)

Sa- Spiritual Alertness (I Thessalonians 5:1-11)

Su- Paul’s Defense (II Corinthians 10:1-12; 17,18)

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**DATE OF LESSON:** May 29, 2022

**LESSON TITLE:** Paul's Thorn In The Flesh

**LESSON TEXT:** II Corinthians 12:1-10

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** I Peter 4:12-19

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *"(God) comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God "* (I Corinthians 1:4)

**TARGET AGE GROUP:** This week's discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did Paul focus on instead of his accomplishments?
2. What did Paul choose to boast about in his letters?
3. Why can we be confident that Paul is speaking of himself in mentioning the heavenly vision?
4. What is a possible reason why Paul did not provide a lot of detail about the vision?
5. Why was Paul content to expose his weakness to the Corinthians?
6. Why are we not told what Paul's thorn in the flesh was?
7. What message did God bring to Paul through the thorn that Satan tried to use for evil?
8. How did Paul respond to the thorn at first?
9. How did God respond to Paul's plea for help?
10. What lesson did Paul learn from his suffering?

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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M- Worthy To Suffer For Him (Acts 5:17-41)

T- Suffering For The Gospel (II Timothy 1:8-12)

W- Blessed For Suffering (I Peter 3:13-17)

Th- God In A Still, Small Voice (I Kings 19:9-13)

F- Paul Boasts In Suffering (II Corinthians 11:16-32)

Sa- Glory In Sufferings (Romans 5:1-5)

Su- God's Power Is Sufficient (II Corinthians 12:1-10)