



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 @ 8:30, prior to regular Sunday Morning Worship Service (except for 1st Sundays). 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 will no longer be live streamed; however, you are welcome to join us in person.

February 2023

UNIT III:

All lessons this month will examine the blessings of the amazing grace that God has provided for us in Jesus Christ.

WEEK 1-Blessings Amid Trials: This lesson will show how trials and temptations in the lives of believers help make them strong in their faith

WEEK 2- Blessing of God's Comfort: This lesson will show how God comforts and consoles us to equip us to comfort others

WEEK 3- Blessing of Godliness: This lesson will show how the Holy Spirit works in believers to produce godly virtues

WEEK 4- Blessing of Spiritual Fruit: This lesson will show the Holy Spirit dwells within us conforming us to the image of Christ

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DATE OF LESSON: February 5, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Blessings Amid Trials

LESSON TEXT: James 1:1-8, 12-18

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Matthew 4:1-11; Matthew 5:10-12; I Peter 1:3-9; I Peter 3:13-18;
Revelation 2:8-11

GOLDEN TEXT: *“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him”* (James 1:12)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How did James describe himself?
2. To whom was James writing? What might he have meant with his particular designation?
3. What does the testing of one’s faith produce?
4. What specific thing did James tell his readers to pray for?
5. In what way should we approach God? What are we like without this quality?
6. What is promised to those who endure trials?
7. Does God tempt us? Why or why not?
8. What was one original use of the word for “enticed” (James 1:14)?
9. Where do all good gifts come from? What is meant by “Father of lights” (vs. 17)?
10. Through what has God begotten us to new life?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- Israel Will Be One Again (Ezekiel 37:15-28)

T- Suffering For Doing Good (I Peter 3:13-18)

W- Faithful In Afflictions (Revelations 2:8-11)

Th- Patient Endurance (Revelations 3:7-13)

F- Stand Firm (James 5:7-11)

Sa- Our Living Hope (I Peter 1:3-9)

Su- The Crown Of Life (James 1:1-8, 12-18)

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DATE OF LESSON: February 12, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Blessing of God's Comfort

LESSON TEXT: II Corinthians 1:3-11

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Psalm 71:1-24; John 14:15-27; John 15:18-27; I Peter 4:12-19

GOLDEN TEXT: *"Our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation"* (II Corinthians 1:7)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Were there other letters by Paul that did not become part of our New Testament? How do we know?
2. What is one of the benefits of being comforted by God?
3. Are there any biblical promises assuring us a trouble-free life?
4. What kind of trouble was Paul facing at this time?
5. What did Paul likely mean by the "sentence of death" (II Corinthians 1:9)?
6. How do we know that Paul felt prayer to be vitally important?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- God Himself is Our Comfort (Isaiah 51:12-16)

T- God's Compassion Brings Comfort (Isaiah 66:10-14)

W- An Abiding Comforter (John 14:15-27)

Th- Power In Weakness (II Corinthians 12:7-10)

F- Patient Hope (Romans 8:18-25)

Sa- Eternal Encouragement (II Thessalonians 2:13-17)

Su- God of All Comfort (II Corinthians 1:3-11)

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DATE OF LESSON: February 19, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Blessing of Godliness

LESSON TEXT: II Peter 1:3-14

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Ephesians 4:17-32; I John 2:28-3:10

GOLDEN TEXT: *“For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ”* (II Peter 1:8)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When did God equip believers with all we need for godly living?
2. What does godly living separate believers from?
3. How are we to cultivate the spiritual qualities of godly living?
4. Why is patience a virtue?
5. What debt do believers owe to all men?
6. What results from neglecting to cultivate godly virtues?
7. What must believers make sure to themselves?
8. What did Peter know about his own death?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- Put On The New Self (Ephesians 4:17-24)

T- Put Off The Old Self (Ephesians 4:25-32)

W- Called God’s Children (I John 2:28-3:3)

Th- Renewed By The Spirit (Titus 3:3-8)

F- Imitators of God (I Thessalonians 1:4-10)

Sa- A Life Worthy of The Lord (Colossians 1:9-14)

Su- Everything Needed For A Godly Life (II Peter 1:3-14)

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DATE OF LESSON: February 26, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Blessing of Spiritual Fruit

LESSON TEXT: Galatians 5:18-6:10

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Romans 6:1-23; Romans 8:1-17; Romans 13:8-14; Colossians 3:12-17

GOLDEN TEXT: *“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law”* (Galatians 5:22-23)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does being led by the Spirit differ from being under the law?
2. What did Paul say about Christians and the “works of the flesh” (Galatians 5:19)?
3. How is the fruit of the Spirit produced in Christians?
4. What might be suggested by the fact that the fruit of the Spirit is singular (vs. 22)?
5. What is added by the idea of walking in the Spirit (vs. 25)?
6. What is our duty to Christians “overtaken in a fault” (6:1)?
7. With what attitude should we approach those who are in sin?
8. How does bearing our own burden (vs. 5) differ from bearing one another’s burdens (vs. 2)?
9. What is our obligation to those who teach us the Word?
10. How does the law of sowing and reaping relate to not growing weary in doing good?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- Freedom In the Spirit (Romans 8:1-11)

T- Spirit-Led Sons of God (Romans 8:12-17)

W- Spirit-Led Behavior (Colossians 3:12-17)

Th- Slaves to Righteousness (Romans 6:15-23)

F- The Fruits of Righteousness (Philippians 1:9-11)

Sa- Spirit-Led Understanding (I Corinthians 2:10-16)

Su- Walking With The Spirit (Galatians 5:18-6:10)