



**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. 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.

January 2023

UNIT II:

All lessons this month will examine the great blessings of the saving gospel message

WEEK 1-Blessing of Reconciliation: This lesson looks at our reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ.

WEEK 2- Blessing of Forgiveness and New Life: This lesson will look at how God promises to forgive us and cleanse us when we confess our sins to Him.

WEEK 3- Blessing of Intercession: This lesson looks at Christ our intercessor who goes before the throne of God on our behalf

WEEK 4- Blessing of Liberty in Christ: This lesson takes a look at Paul's lesson to the church at Galatia and the blessing of liberty in Christ.

WEEK 5- Blessing of Belonging in Christ: This lesson looks at the blessings of being a part of Christ's body (the church)

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DATE OF LESSON: January 1, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Blessing of Reconciliation

LESSON TEXT: II Corinthians 5:11-21

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Romans 5:1-11; Colossians 1:18-23

GOLDEN TEXT: *"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new"* (II Corinthians 5:17)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What future event motivated Paul to persuade others to trust in Christ?
2. Why is it wrong to "glory in appearance" (II Corinthians 5:12)?
3. What are some possible reasons some might have thought Paul was mad?
4. What was the primary motivation for Paul to serve Christ?
5. Because Christ "died for all" (vs. 15), how should we live?
6. What does being "in Christ" (v. 17) mean for us?
7. What ministry was given to Paul?
8. What does "not imputing their trespasses" (v. 19) mean?
9. How can we be "ambassadors for Christ" (vs. 20)?
10. How did Christ become "sin for us" (vs. 21)? What results because of His sacrifice?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- No Longer Strangers (Ephesians 2:11-22)

T- Accepted By Christ (Romans 15:1-7)

W- Resolve Problems With Others (Matthew 5:23-26)

Th- Renewed Relationship With God (Psalm 51:7-17)

F- Jesus-Lord of Redemption (Colossians 1:18-23)

Sa- Peace With God (Romans 5:1-11)

Su- Ministry of Reconciliation (II Corinthians 5:11-21)

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DATE OF LESSON: January 8, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Blessing of Forgiveness and New Life

LESSON TEXT: I John 1:1-2:5

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Psalms 51:1-17; Psalms 130:1-8; Matthew 6:12-15

GOLDEN TEXT: *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (I John 1:9)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why should we listen to John's witness concerning Christ?
2. Why is it important to know that John actually touched Jesus Christ?
3. Why is it impossible to know God and continue to live a sinful lifestyle?
4. What will a believer do when he realizes he has sinned?
5. What is the present work of Christ on our behalf?
6. What are some ways that we can be sure we are really saved?
7. How can the love of God be demonstrated through us?
8. Why is a person who deliberately disobeys God never sure he is really saved?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- God Cleanses His People (Psalm 51:1-6)

T- God Redeems His People (Psalm 130:1-8)

W- God Forgives Iniquity (Psalm 103:1-5)

Th- Forgiveness Leads to Forgiveness (Mark 11:24-26)

F- Forgiving as God Forgives (Matthew 6:12-15)

Sa- Guilt of Sin Removed (Psalm 32:1-11)

Su- Forgiveness and New Life (I John 1:1- 2:5)

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DATE OF LESSON: January 15, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Blessing of Intercession

LESSON TEXT: Hebrews 4:14-5:10

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Matthew 26:36-46; Luke 22:39-46; John 11:32-45; John 17:9-16, 20-24

GOLDEN TEXT: *"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed unto the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession"* (Hebrews 4:14)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is important about the name of our Great High Priest?
2. What is our obligation since we have a Great High Priest?
3. Why did Christ not yield to temptation?
4. How can we approach God's throne of grace?
5. What was the Old Testament high priest required to do before he represented the people before the Lord?
6. What dual role does Christ fulfill?
7. What did Christ's prayer to the Father represent?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- Melchizedek Blesses Abraham (Genesis 14:17-20)

T- Jesus Encourages Prayer (Mark 14:32-42)

W- Jesus Earnestly Prays (Luke 22:39-46)

Th- Jesus' Every Prayer is Heard (John 11:32-45)

F- The Future King-Priest (Psalm 110:1-7)

Sa- Christ Helps Us In Our Weakness (Hebrews 2:5-18)

Su- Jesus, Our Intercessor (Hebrews 4:14-5:10)

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DATE OF LESSON: January 22, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Blessing of Liberty in Christ

LESSON TEXT: Galatians 5:1-17

RELATED SCRIPTURES: John 8:31-36; Acts 15:1-21; I Corinthians 7:17-24; II Corinthians 3:12-18

GOLDEN TEXT: *“Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage”* (Galatians 5:1)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. On what did Paul base his call to the Galatians to stand fast in liberty?
2. What threatened their freedom in Christ?
3. Why did Paul warn Gentile believers against submitting to circumcision?
4. What does it mean to be “fallen from grace” (Galatians 5:4)?
5. What righteousness do we hope for by faith?
6. How is faith related to works?
7. What danger did Paul express through the proverb about leaven?
8. Of what was Paul confident regarding the Galatian believers?
9. How does faith relate to the fact that love fulfills the law?
10. What is walking “in the Spirit” (vs. 16)? What results from it?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- The Sign of Abraham’s Covenant (Genesis 17:9-14)

T- Set Free By The Son (John 8:31-36)

W- Freedom In The Spirit (II Corinthians 3:12-18)

Th- Serve God Above All (I Corinthians 7:17-24)

F- Freedom For Gentiles (Galatians 2:1-10)

Sa- Redeemed From the Law’s Curse (Galatians 3:10-14)

Su- Spiritual Liberty (Galatians 5:1-17)

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DATE OF LESSON: January 29, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Blessing of Belonging in Christ

LESSON TEXT: I Corinthians 12:14-31

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Romans 12:3-8; Ephesians 4:1-16

GOLDEN TEXT: *"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular"*(I Corinthians 12:27)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What potential problem in the church did Paul illustrate through the foot and the ear?
2. How were self important church members harming the church?
3. Why should we welcome the diversity God has given the church?
4. How were the Corinthians destroying the harmony of the church?
5. How does the vital importance of physical organs that are hidden relate to spiritual gifts?
6. How can a church of diverse elements present a unified witness?
7. Is it easy for Christians to rejoice and sympathize with each other? Explain
8. I Paul's list of spiritual gifts, which ones did he rank higher? Why?
9. How was Paul's ranking of gifts a rebuke to the Corinthians?
10. What was Paul's advice to believers at the end of this passage?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- Living In Unity (Psalm 133:1-3)

T- Unity of the Spirit (Ephesians 4:1-6)

W- All Receive God's Grace (Ephesians 4:7-10)

Th- God's Gifts To Bring Unity (Ephesians 4:11-16)

F- Gifts To Be Used In Humility (Romans 12:3-8)

Sa- All Are One In Christ (Galatians 3:26-29)

Su- Many Parts, One Body (I Corinthians 12:14-31)