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Sunday School Lessons

Unit Two

"Loving God by Trusting Christ"

January 2019

This quarter's study begins with God's demands for our complete and undivided love as shown in passages from Deuteronomy and Psalms. It proceeds with our response to God's love in the advent of Christ, and the Epistles' interpretations of the nature and extent of our responses to God's love in Christ. It concludes with passages from three of the Psalms expressing glorification of God.

Unit II, "Loving God by Trusting Christ," has five sessions. Matthew continues to inspire trust in God for all things, while James encourages total submission to God in love. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul gives an interpretation of human devotion to God in Christ; promotes selfless devotion through exemplification of Christ's total submission to God in love; and encourages giving up everything for the sake of one's love for Christ.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 6, 2019 "Steadfast Love" 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5; 2 John 4-11

Unifying Principle

Effective personal relationships are often thwarted by destructive forces. What can counteract these forces? Paul and John instruct the believers to walk steadfastly in the love of God by loving one another and following God's commandments.

Goals for the Learners

- ✓ To grasp what Paul and John said about the importance of holding fast to God's love.
- ✓ To aspire to love others as an expression of one's love for God and God's commandments.
- ✓ To embrace the responsibility of relating to fellow believers in a genuinely Christian manner.

Challenges for the Week

- If members of a cult know on your door to share their erroneous view of Jesus, how does 2 John 10 help in responding.
- Compare and contrast the desires of Paul and John for their respective first-century addresses.
- Identify missionaries and evangelists that you know or support. Spend time in prayer for their effectiveness, protection and perseverance.

We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education, The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee. Send an email to: sundayschool@thecmecchurchced.org to receive this guide electronically each week.

