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Sunday School Lessons
Unit One
"A Fulfilled Covenant"
June 2019

This quarter will teach how Jesus fulfilled the law in the sense that it was given full meaning. Jesus emphasized the deep, underlying messages of the gospel and this same message is continued through the apostle Paul and the writer of Hebrews. Relationships of faith empower us to live the covenant and spread the gospel message.

Unit I, "A Fulfilled Covenant," in four sessions, reveals a new sign of the covenant for Jewish and Gentile believers, as recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, Hebrews, and Colossians. During the celebration of the Passover, Jesus explained to the disciples that he would initiate a new covenant through his death. Paul explains that the sign of the covenant is now a relationship of the heart between God and God's people, not circumcision.

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Unifying Principle

Our attitudes determine how we view circumstances in our lives. How can our attitudes bring long-term benefits? Jesus' Beatitudes taught the crowd and his disciples those heartfelt values and attitudes required of anyone who seeks to be in a covenant relationship with him.

Goals for the Learners

- ✓ To explain the irony in the Beatitudes.
- ✓ To marvel at the values taught by Jesus and their complete reversal of the world's values.
- ✓ To pursue the value system taught by Jesus and to claim the blessings of belonging to Christ's kingdom.

Challenges for the Week

- Create an acrostic for the word BEATITUDES that helps describe the attitude change required of Christ-followers.
- Evaluate each of the Beatitudes for how Jesus' statement flies in the face of conventional wisdom to help determine the irony contained in Jesus' teaching.
- What does it mean to be "blessed" and how our understanding of this word shapes our approach to the teachings of Christ?



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@thecmechurchced.org to receive this guide electronically.

