



# The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

## Department of Christian Education

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### Sunday School Lessons

#### Unit Three

#### "Life On God's Terms"

#### August 2016



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.

The Summer's Quarter's lessons are presented under the theme of "Toward a New Creation." The scripture passages in these lessons are from the broader theme of creation. Unit three is entitled "Life On God's Terms."

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People's need for healthy feelings of self-worth and self-esteem create a longing to know who they are and where they come from. Besides ancestry, what other connections with the past and people determine who they are? Paul said all those who trust in God and what Jesus Christ has done for them, by God's mercy, will become God's covenant people and new creatures in Jesus Christ.

#### Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To discover the details of Paul's teaching about the true descendants and inheritors of God's promise.
- ✓ To feel a strong familial connection to the people of God and believe themselves inheritors of the promise intended by God from the time of creation.
- ✓ To ask Jesus to teach the learners more about themselves.

#### Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Contact a family member who has traced your family tree. Talk with this person about the characteristics of the family, where they came from and why they left their homeland, and what they did to create a new life for themselves in their adopted homeland.
- Contact one of the spiritual ancestors you identified in class to let this person know how much his or her relationship with you means. If possible, do something special for this person, such as treating him or her to a meal, buying a small gift, or sending a special card of thanks.
- Give thanks for God's mercy, especially with respect to how that mercy has enabled you to grow closer to Jesus.



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