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## Sunday School Lessons Unit Two "A World Gone Wrong" July 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 Two is entitled "A World Gone Wrong."

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Many people are grateful for all that they have in life, but others take every opportunity to abuse each privilege that comes along. Why this wide variation? The psalmist says that God's people must give thanks for all the wonders God has done and for God's steadfast love that endures forever, while Paul laments that humans have corrupted God's creation almost from the beginning and that all human beings continue to be sinful and will be held accountable to God.



### Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To acknowledge Paul's claim that humankind began corrupting God's creation nearly from the beginning and that all humanity is under sin's power.
- ✓ To recognize that God holds each person accountable for sinful behavior.
- ✓ To show compassion in one's relationship with others, for all have sinned.

### Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Ponder Paul's statement in Romans 3:10 that not even one person is righteous. Where is your life do you see evidence of unrighteousness? Hold yourself accountable before God by identifying and repenting of your sin.
- Offer to help someone who is having difficulty owning up to a mistake and therefore, not holding himself or herself accountable. Be gentle and compassionate in your approach.
- Recall that the law provides knowledge of sin but cannot take away the sin. Give thanks to Jesus for his atoning work on the cross that does have the power to cleanse you from sin and all unrighteousness.



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