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Sunday School Lessons Unit Three

"Paul Teaches about New Life in Christ"

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The study this quarter focuses on justice as presented in the New Testament. Justice is portrayed as a primary characteristic of God's nature. Human beings are called to emulate God's justice toward one another.

Unit III, "Paul Teaches about New Life in Christ," has four lessons that offer Paul's teachings about just and merciful behaviors. Those who live the new life in Christ are called to imitate God's just and merciful nature through their actions toward others, including their enemies.

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We want to be generous to those in need. What motivates true generosity when the needs seem so overwhelming? Paul encouraged the Corinthians' generosity in response to God's generous gifts to them.

Goal for the Learners

- To identify ways of living generous lives in Christ that demonstrate fidelity to the gospel.
- ✓ To commit to changing our relationships with the poor and oppressed of the world by giving to help them.
- ✓ To develop a thoroughgoing personal stewardship that embraces equity and justice for all people.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Write a personal plan of stewardship to engender global equity and justice.
- Create a "ministry of giving" project for a worthy cause in the church or community.
- List ministries or organizations you know that help others in need, i.e. food banks, etc..

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 each week.

