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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

People have devised many methods to deal with the sense of moral uncleanness their misdeeds incur. How can we be definitively cleansed of guilt? Through shedding his blood and dying, Jesus once and for all fulfilled God's new covenant to forgive sins and guarantee eternal life.

Goals for the Learners

- ✓ To explore the symbolism of blood in the Old Testament in relation to the saving work of Jesus on the cross.
- ✓ To sense one's moral shortcomings and the need for definitive cleansing before the holy God.
- ✓ To rejoice in the purification for sins that Jesus accomplished.

Challenges for the Week

- Note that the principal imagery of Hebrews is drawn from the Temple and its sacrificial system. What are the challenges to understanding these particular images or metaphors in our twenty-first century culture?
- Think of words or expressions that link sin with uncleanness (e.g., "filthy" jokes, "trashy" outfits, feeling "dirty" after participating in something immoral, etc.). In this context, what does it mean to say that the blood of Jesus brings purification (verses 13-14, 22)?
- Find hymns that speak of the blood of Jesus such as "Are You Washed in the Blood?" or "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood." What details in these hymns align with this passage? Are there details that seem incongruous?

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.