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Sunday School Lessons Unit Three

"The Birthing of A New Community" February 2017



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.

During the winter quarter we are exploring Creation. The overall theme calls for us to see ourselves as Co-creators with God. Unit Three is entitled "The Birthing of A New Community." Scriptures are taken from Galatians.

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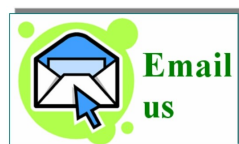
Many people reduce their religious obligations to fulfilling a set of legalistic requirements. What are the characteristics of an authentic Christian lifestyle? Paul sharply contrasts a Spirit-filled life with life in the flesh.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To define characteristics Paul lists as fruit of the Spirit.
- ✓ To sense the needs of others in the church.
- ✓ To work, by the Spirit's empowerment, "for the good of all, especially for those of the family of faith."

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Review today's key verses, Galatians 5:22-23. Identify the specific fruit that you feel is mature within you. Then identify another fruit that is not "ripe." What steps can you take to nurture this particular fruit?
- Help someone who is struggling with a heavy load to bear this burden. Is there something you can do to help a family dealing with serious illness, or a major loss, or a serious financial reversal? If so, do whatever you can in the name of Jesus.
- Do something to show your Bible study teacher that you appreciate all that he or she does for the class. A note, small gift, or invitation to a meal would mean a great deal to your teacher, especially if he or she is a volunteer.



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