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Sunday School Lessons

Unit Two

"Loving God by Trusting Christ"

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This quarter's study begins with God's demands for our complete and undivided love as shown in passages from Deuteronomy and Psalms. It proceeds with our response to God's love in the advent of Christ, and the Epistles' interpretations of the nature and extent of our responses to God's love in Christ. It concludes with passages from three of the Psalms expressing glorification of God.

Unit II, "Loving God by Trusting Christ," has five sessions. Matthew continues to inspire trust in God for all things, while James encourages total submission to God in love. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul gives an interpretation of human devotion to God in Christ; promotes selfless devotion through exemplification of Christ's total submission to God in love; and encourages giving up everything for the sake of one's love for Christ.

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Unifying Principle

Destructive thoughts and desires lead to further destructive behavior. What can be done to break this cruel cycle? James asserts that loving and obeying God opens the door to God's blessings and frees us from conflicts and disputes.

Goals for the Learners

- ✓ To understand James's teaching about the source of conflicts and is prescription for avoiding them.
- ✓ To repent of attitudes and behaviors that keep adults mired in conflicts and disputes.
- ✓ To develop ways to draw near to God in humble submission.

Challenges for the Week

- Consider how you can both resist and submit.
- Compare and contrast God's jealousy (Zephaniah 3:8; 1 Corinthians 10:22; 2 Corinthians 11:2; and others) with human jealousy (2 Corinthians 12:20 Galatians 5:20; and others).
- Write out a contract with God committing to greater faithfulness to God.

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.

