

Winter Quarter 2023-24

Living in Christ

New Life in Christ

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| December 3 | To Live Is Christ | <i>Philippians 1:12-26</i> |
| December 10 | Counting All Things Loss | <i>Philippians 3:7-21</i> |
| December 17 | Learning Contentment | <i>Philippians 4:4-18</i> |
| December 24 | The Light of Christmas (Christmas) | <i>John 1:1-5; Ephesians 5:1-2, 6-14</i> |

Transformed Lives in Christ

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| December 31 | Chosen in Christ | <i>Ephesians 1:3-14</i> |
| January 7 | God's Workmanship | <i>Ephesians 2:1-10</i> |
| January 14 | The Household of God | <i>Ephesians 2:11-22</i> |
| January 21 | A High Calling | <i>Ephesians 4:1-16</i> |
| January 28 | God-Honoring Families | <i>Ephesians 5:21—6:4</i> |

Lives Worthy of Christ

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| February 4 | Spiritual Armor | <i>Ephesians 6:10-24</i> |
| February 11 | The Supremacy of Christ | <i>Colossians 1:15-28</i> |
| February 18 | Complete in Christ | <i>Colossians 2:6-19</i> |
| February 25 | A Plea for Christlike Forgiveness | <i>Philemon 1:4-21</i> |

This quarter we offer a rich set of lessons on the vital theme titled "Living in Christ." In studies from Philippians, Ephesians, Colossians, and Philemon (with one passage from John), we explore multiple aspects of the new life Christ gives us.

Unit I starts us in Paul's letter to the Philippians, with the apostle's affirmation that "to live is Christ" (1:21). There can be no greater security than knowing that our life is from Him and that it is guaranteed for eternity. Lesson 2 shows us that in light of all that Christ has done for us, the allurements of this world are worthless in comparison. When we master these truths, we find that we also experience great contentment. Paul speaks of this in lesson 3, where he shows the secret of having joy in all types of circumstances.

For Christmas, lesson 4 takes us to the incarnation of Christ as revealed in John 1, then transitions to Paul's letter to the Ephesians. There we learn how we are to be lights in our world in imitation of the Light that came into the world.

Our second unit continues in Ephesians, focusing on how our lives are transformed in Christ. Paul sets the foundation (lesson 5) by exploring how we have been chosen in Christ from eternity past. Lesson 6 builds on that, showing that we are God's workmanship, chosen by Him to do good works that display His glory.

In lesson 7 we are reminded that we do not live for Christ in isolation. We have been made part of the household of God, a holy temple to the Lord. Lesson 8 expands on the high calling that we have been given in Christ. As we live in this world, we are to maintain the unity in the Spirit that He has brought us into. In lesson 9, we learn how to honor God in our family life.

Unit III, on living lives worthy of Christ, continues with one more lesson in Ephesians, focusing on the spiritual armor God provides for living victoriously in Him. Lesson 11 moves to the epistle to the Colossians, where Paul emphasizes Christ's supremacy over all things. Lesson 12 underscores how we are complete in Christ.

The quarter ends with the short letter from Paul to his friend Philemon. It is a personal appeal, but the lesson on extending Christlike forgiveness applies to all of us.