

## For Teens Ages 12 Through 14



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# Intermediate Bible Class<sup>+</sup>

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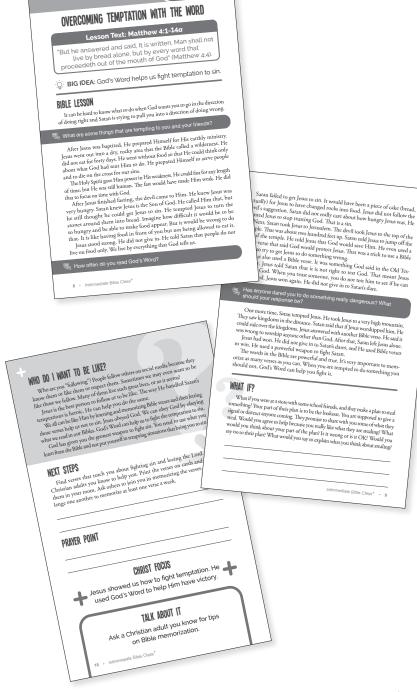
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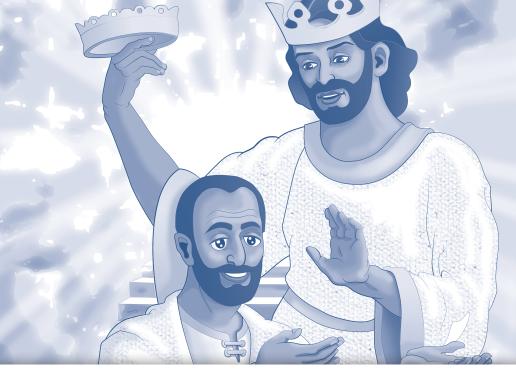
# Welcome to our new *Intermediate Bible Class*<sup>+</sup>! We hope it helps you get excited about learning and applying God's Word!

#### Here are some of the new features:

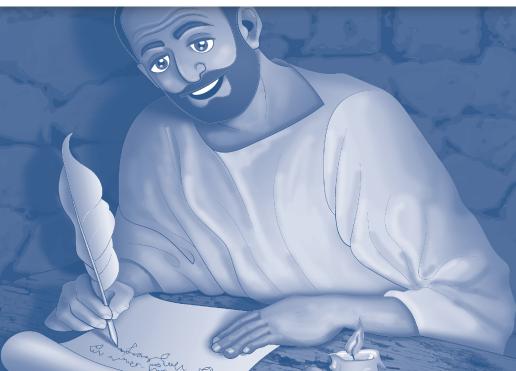
- The Big Idea highlights the main point of the lesson.
- **Discussion Questions** are within the lesson to help you interact with the topic.
- What If? helps you imagine how the Bible lesson might be applied to a hypothetical scenario that could occur in your everyday life.
- The **Big Question** addresses some doubts, fears, or concerns you may have about God, His Word, or life in general.
- **Next Steps** give you ways to be doing what the lesson is teaching throughout the week.
- The **Prayer Point** encourages you to commit to praying for something in the coming week.
- Christ Focus shows how every lesson points to Jesus.
- **Talk About It** gives you ideas on things to discuss with trusted adult Christians in your life.

**Please note:** After prayer and careful consideration, we are reinstating the Scripture Lesson Text blocks in the following publications beginning with Summer Quarter 2024: *Beginner Bible Teacher+*, *Primary Bible Teacher+*, *Junior Bible Teacher+*, *Junior Bible Teacher+*, Junior Bible Class+, Intermediate Bible Teacher+, and Intermediate Bible Class+. Our customers' satisfaction is very important to us. If you would like a supplement of the Scripture blocks for the above publications for Summer Quarter 2023 through Spring Quarter 2024, you can download them from our website at www.uniongospelpress.com, email customerservice@uniongospelpress.com, or call 1-800-638-9988.





## UNIT I: New Life in Christ



# **TO LIVE IS CHRIST**

Lesson Text: Philippians 1:12-26

"In nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death" (Philippians 1:20).

BIG IDEA: Living for Jesus should be our number one aim our whole life.

### **BIBLE LESSON**

Can you think of anything good about being a prisoner and being chained to a guard? That's the situation the apostle Paul found himself in. You might expect he would be in a bad mood and doing a lot of complaining. But Paul actually had a positive attitude. He understood that God wanted to use his negative situation to add to the number of people who were hearing the good news about Jesus.

The Jewish religious leaders wanted to get Paul in trouble for spreading the good news about Jesus dying for our sins and coming back to life. So they lied about Paul, saying that he was causing riots and was disrespecting the temple in Jerusalem.

#### Why is continuing to trust God when people tell lies about you important?

Paul was arrested in Jerusalem and later taken to Rome. His opponents thought that having him arrested would stop him from telling people about Jesus. However, they didn't get what they were expecting. Instead of being stopped, the gospel started spreading throughout the prison.

Other Christians were encouraged by Paul's example. They saw that he was willing to be imprisoned and mistreated for telling others about Jesus. They were willing to suffer just as Paul was. Some people who didn't like Paul also