



Calvary
Baptist Church

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Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 19: Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor?

Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer.

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. It is expected that parents will be teaching their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

How to use this devotional:

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more sing with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

MONDAY

Read Hebrews 9:1-14

Discuss

God's justice, His wrath, needed to be satisfied. In our sin we didn't merely break a law; we sinned against the only holy God of the universe who is deserving of all glory, honor, and praise.

We stand guilty before God. If we are to be forgiven, there must be another way for the wrath and justice of God to be satisfied. We need someone to take our place. Somehow, someday, someone must be punished for our sins.

We sinner need for someone to intercede for us. We need someone to stand between the Judge and us. We need someone to take the punishment for us.

You may ask, "Why does God need to punish anyone, can't He just forgive us?" God is merciful. God is also just. He never stops being either. He is never merciful at the expense of His justice and never just at the expense of His mercy. In His mercy, His justice must also be satisfied.

God is able to show us mercy, because the punishment for our sins was poured out on someone else. Christ took our place. He took our punishment. God took the justice upon Himself on the cross. so that He could show mercy to us.

Discussion Questions

- How did God satisfy His justice on the cross?
- Why is it a good thing that God is both just and merciful?
- How does God's justice being satisfied for you by Christ make you feel?

Sing

In the Cross Alone I Glory
Brian Petak

Pray

Praise God for His justice and mercy.

IN THE CROSS ALONE I GLORY

Verse 1:

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

Verse 2:

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me,
Lo! It glows with peace and joy.

Verse 3:

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.

Verse 4:

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.



TUESDAY

Read Ephesians 2:1-10

Discuss

Mercy is one of the favorite words of Christians. We like to say it a lot and often use it interchangeably with grace. While mercy and grace are similar and related, they are not the same thing. Grace means to give blessings to those who are not deserving. Mercy means to not give wrath and punishment for those who rightly deserve punishment.

God brings us from wrath to blessing, out of His mere mercy. There is nothing that we bring to the table. There is nothing that we can do to earn forgiveness. God forgives us, simply because He wants to.

God's mercy is beyond all measure. Our sins are too many to count. There is no end to them. Each of us is pervasively sinful. Like our passage said, we were DEAD in our sins. Not wounded, not just sick, not just broken. Dead. We needed someone to bring us back to life because we couldn't do it.

God's mercy is so great that He came to die for us when we were at our worst. God saw all of our sins. All of our yuck. And rather than just punishing us which He could have done, He took our punishment on Himself. He is merciful.

Discussion Questions

- Have you considered the definition of mercy before?
- How does this definition of mercy affect how we think about what Christ did for us?
- Why do you think it is important that we cannot earn mercy?

Sing

Compassion Hymn
Keith and Kristen Getty

Pray

Thank God for being rich in mercy.

COMPASSION HYMN

Verse 1:

There is an everlasting kindness You lavished on us
When the radiance of Heaven came to rescue the lost
You called the sheep without a shepherd to leave their distress
For Your streams of forgiveness and the shade of Your rest
And with compassion for the hurting You reached out Your hand
As the lame ran to meet You and the dead breathed again
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears
Heard the sigh of the weary, let the children draw near

Chorus:

What boundless love, what fathomless grace
You have shown us, o God of compassion
Each day we live an offering of praise
As we show to the world Your compassion

Verse 2:

We stood beneath the cross of Calvary and gazed on Your face
At the thorns of oppression and wounds of disgrace
For surely You have borne our suffering and carried our grief
As You pardoned the scoffer and showed grace to the thief

(Chorus)

Verse 3:

How beautiful the feet that carry this Gospel of peace
To the fields of injustice and the valleys of need
To be a voice of hope and healing, to answer the cries
Of the hungry and helpless, with the mercy of Christ

(Chorus x2)



WEDNESDAY

Read 1 Corinthians 5:11-21

Discuss

God has forgiven us out of His mere mercy. This is a beautiful reality. It should cause us to rejoice that we no longer have to fear the wrath of God.

But we are more than just forgiven. Through the blood of Jesus Christ we are reconciled to the Father. In the garden of Eden God walked with Adam and Eve. He communed with them and they had no shame before Him. After the fall, this loving and beautiful relationship was broken. Instead, there was separation between God and man because of our sin. We couldn't draw near to God because we were too sinful.

In His mercy, God not only returns us to a pure state, but He draws us into a relationship with Him again. Read Luke 15:11-32. This is a familiar parable that we all love. It shows us a beautiful picture of reconciliation. The father had no real reason to allow his son to be brought back in. He had given his son the inheritance early. His son had turned his back on the family. If the father was being SUPER generous he may have made him a servant, in fact that is all the son was going to ask for on his return. But the father said otherwise. This was his dear son, brought from the land of death back to life with him. The father wouldn't rest until the relationship was fully restored.

That's what God does to us. He is not content to let us be merely servants in His kingdom. His Son died to save us, and that blood is far too precious for mere servants. No, more than slaves we are made sons and daughters of our heavenly Father.

Discussion Questions

- How often do you consider being reconciled to God?
- What does it mean to be a son or daughter of God?
- How does this change the way we pray and come before God?

Sing

Depth of Mercy
Charles Wesley

Pray

Thank God for adopting you
into His family

DEPTH OF MERCY

Verse 1:

Depth of mercy! Can there be
mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God His wrath forbear?
me, the chief of sinners, spare?

Verse 2:

I have long withstood His grace,
long provoked Him to His face;
would not hearken to His calls,
grieved Him by a thousand falls.

Verse 3:

I my Master have denied;
I afresh have crucified,
oft profaned His hallowed name,
put Him to an open shame.

Verse 4:

There for me the Savior stands,
shows His wounds and spreads His hands.
God is love! I know, I feel;
Jesus weeps, but loves me still!

Verse 5:

Now incline me to repent,
let me now my fall lament;
now my foul revolt deplore!
weep, believe, and sin no more.



THURSDAY

Read Romans 8

Discuss

Through His death, Christ paid for the fullness of our sins. He took all the wrath upon Himself. In His resurrection Christ set us free from sin. Sin is no longer our master. If we have been bought with the blood of Christ we no longer have to sin.

Before we were saved, all we could do was sin. Pervasive sinfulness means that while not everything we do is as bad as it could be, everything is still tinged with sin. Because of the blood of Jesus cleansing us from sin, we are now able to live in a way that actually pleases God! Isn't that amazing!

God loves His children, He has bought His children. If you are a Christian, if you have trusted in Christ for the forgiveness of sins, then you do not have to sin. We are able through His Spirit to live in a way that honors Him and makes Him happy. Through His mercy, God has brought us from slavery to sin into freedom of righteousness.

He has also set us free from the eternal punishment of sin. Our sins deserve torment in hell. In His mercy, Christ bore all of that punishment on the cross. Instead of the punishment of hell, children of God receive the blessings of heaven.

We could never work our way to receive this blessing. It is all because of the love and mercy of God. How amazing is that?

Discussion Questions

- How do you respond knowing that God has freed you from sin and the punishment of sin?
- Does this good news cause you to share it with others?

Sing

Christ is Mine Forevermore
CityAlight

Pray

Praise God for the freedom in Christ.

CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

Verse 1:

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings

Verse 2:

But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall, his love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Verse 3:

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good

Verse 4:

But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes his work in me

Verse 5:

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for his name

Verse 6:

But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And he has said he will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

Verse 7:

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Verse 8:

Come rejoice now, O my soul
For his love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore!



FRIDAY

Read Revelation 5:9-10; 1 Corinthians 7:23; and 1 Peter 1:17-21

Discuss

God has passed over our sins, satisfied His justice, has bestowed mercy after mercy to reconcile us to Himself and deliver us from sin through man, our Redeemer Jesus Christ.

Who is this Redeemer? Jesus Christ was God and man in one person. He was conceived in the virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. He lived a fully human life, knowing every grief and trial that is common to people, yet being God He did not sin nor have a sinful nature. Christ, the perfect Son of God, willingly went to the cross. Out of love for His people, He was beaten, mocked, and crucified. Upon the cross He was punished as a sinner, though He did not have any sin. In love, He took upon Himself the punishment that we deserved. Out of mere mercy, God Himself took the punishment for our sins and satisfied His own justice, to deliver us from sin and reconcile us to Himself.

Every single person is in need of a redeemer. We cannot pay for our sins, we cannot satisfy the justice of God on our own. We desperately need mercy in order to be forgiven. Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6). The only way to be reconciled to the Father is through Christ. That’s it.

What must you do to be redeemed? “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9). To confess Christ as Lord means to recognize Him as the ruler of your life. If He died for us, is it too much to ask that we live for Him?

Discussion Questions

- Have you recognized Christ as the Lord of your life?
- Are there other redeemers than Jesus? Read John 14:6
- How should we respond to the redemption given to us in Christ?

Sing

Jesus paid It All
Elvina Hall

Pray

Thank God for the gift of
His Son as our Redeemer

I WILL GLORY IN MY REDEEMER

VERSE 1:

I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Savior before the holy Judge
The Lamb who is my righteousness
The Lamb who is my righteousness

VERSE 2:

I will glory in my Redeemer
My life He bought, my love He owns
I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in Him alone
I will glory in my Redeemer
His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me
My feet are firm, held by His grace
My feet are firm, held by His grace

VERSE 3:

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who carries me on eagles' wings
He crowns my life with lovingkindness
His triumph song I'll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me, it will be paradise
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold

