

Calvary Baptist Church

Home Worship Guide

For the week of: 02/10/25

New City Catechism

Question 20: Who is the Redeemer?

The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.

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 Genesis 1; Romans 6:23; Romans 10:9; Isaiah 12:2 Discuss

King Arthur is a legend that many have enjoyed throughout the centuries. A Medieval tapestry of chivalry, bravery, and honor. It seems to be in a world almost entirely separate from our own. One of the things that is difficult for us to understand is the concept of "lords."

Lords were (and are) men who own a large area. Everything in this area belongs to them, the rivers, the trees, the farms, the homes, everything. The lord would let people live on his land for free, in exchange for them working his land. The lord of the land would set the laws and was the final say in what was right or wrong in his territory.

Why do I explain what a Lord is? Because Jesus Christ is called our Lord. Sometimes we read right by this word without giving it a thought. When we call Jesus "Lord," what we are saying is that He alone is the ruler of our life. We are saying, "Jesus, You are the One who has authority over my life. Everything I have is because You have given it to me. I will live for You and for Your glory with all that You have given me."

We like to think of Jesus as our friend, and He is our friend, but He is so much more than just one of my buddies. He is the Lord, the supreme ruler of our lives and of everything that He has made. He's in control, in control of everything, and that's a very good thing.

Discussion Questions

- How does Jesus being Lord affect the way that we live?
- What does the lordship of Christ mean for us?
- How does Christ being Lord comfort us?

Sing

Rejoice the Lord is King Charles Wesley

Pray

Praise God for His lordship over all creation.

REJOICE THE LORD IS KING

Verse 1:

Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Verse 2:

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Verse 3:

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Verse 4:

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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TUESDAY

Read John 1:1-18

Discuss

Jesus Christ is Lord, the eternally existing Son of God. He has always been the Son. There has never been a time when the Son did not exist.

What does it mean then for Jesus to be the "Son." There are many important aspects of Jesus being the Son of God. In Genesis 5 we read the descendants from Adam to Noah. Verse three says, "When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth." The son of Adam is "in his own likeness, after his image." What can be said about Adam can also be said about his son Seth. What can be said about God the Father, in terms of who and what He is, can be said about the Son.

Jesus being the Son of God also tells us about the type of love the Father has for Him. This is not some easily broken love, some emotional high that will fade away, or even a covenantal love that one could break. This is the type of love that would cause one to do ANYTHING for the other. God the Father created the World through His Son by the power of the Spirit in order to give it to His Son as His inheritance. The world wasn't meant for us, but to protect and preserve on the Father's behalf to present to the Son. With all the love for the Son, we see how much more beautiful it is that, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Discussion Questions

- Why is Jesus being the Son of God important?
- If The Father loves the Son so much, how much should we love the Son?

Sing

Jesus Is Lord
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Pray

Thank God for His love shown to us by sending His Son.

JESUS IS LORD

Verse 1:

'Jesus is Lord' – the cry that echoes through creation: Resplendent power, eternal Word, our Rock, The Son of God, the King whose glory fills the heavens, Yet bids us come to taste this living Bread.

Verse 2:

Jesus is Lord – whose voice sustains the stars and planets,
Yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown,
Jesus the Man, who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,
Became a curse to bring salvation's plan.

Verse 3:

Jesus is Lord – the tomb is gloriously empty,
Not even death could crush this King of love.
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we're forgiven,
And we can run into the arms of God.

Verse 4:

'Jesus is Lord' – a shout of joy, a cry of anguish, As He returns, and every knee bows low. Then every eye and every heart will see His glory, The Judge of all will take His children home.



WEDNESDAY

Read Philippians 2:5-11

Discuss

Do you want a big fancy word? Hypostatic union. What does this big word mean? Hypostatic comes from the word hypostasis, which means "the substance or essential nature of an individual" (according to Merriam-Webster). The hypostatic union is a way of understanding how the two essential natures of Christ, His humanity and divinity, are united.

This is important because Jesus Christ was both God and man. The Chalcedonian Creed was written to define this doctrine. Like this Catechism, the Chalcedonian creed is not itself Scripture, but it is a way of defining what Scripture teaches and communicating it to us. The rest of today's devotional will simply be the Chalcedonian creed, tomorrow we will see why this truth is important.

"Therefore, following the holy fathers, we all with one accord teach men to acknowledge one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at once complete in Godhead and complete in manhood, truly God and truly man, consisting also of a reasonable soul and body; of one substance with the Father as regards his Godhead, and at the same time of one substance with us as regards his manhood; like us in all respects, apart from sin; as regards his Godhead, begotten of the Father before the ages, but yet as regards his manhood begotten, for us men and for our salvation, of Marv the Virgin, the God-bearer; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Onlybegotten, recognized in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being in no way annulled by the union, but rather the characteristics of each nature being preserved and coming together to form one person and subsistence, not as parted or separated into two persons, but one and the same Son and Only-begotten God the Word, Lord Jesus Christ; even as the prophets from earliest times spoke of him, and our Lord Jesus Christ himself taught us, and the creed of the fathers has handed down to us."

Discussion Questions

- Why is it important that Jesus is truly man?
- Why is it truly important that Jesus is truly God?
- How does this affect how we think of Christ?

Sing

O God, My Joy
Paul Keew and Brian Pinner

Pray

Thank God for coming Himself to save us

O GOD, MY JOY

VERSE 1:

O God, my joy, You reign above in radiant splendor and beauty. Your Word has drawn my heart to love the awesome sight of Your glory. Your blazing Light and gospel grace shine brightly from my Savior's face. No other wonder would I see than Christ enthroned in His glory!

VERSE 2:

Sustained by joy in trial and pain, I trust Your wisdom and mercy.

Through suffering that Your love ordains, more like Your Son You will make me.

For Christ embraced the cross of shame, beholding glorious joys to come.

O give me faith like His to see that suffering lifts me to glory!

VERSE 3:

Compelled by joy, I fight the sin that turns my gaze from Your glory. Your Holy Spirit dwells within; His presence arms me for vict'ry. Let death and hell against me rise; through death I'll gain eternal joys. All pow'rs of hell will bend the knee before my great King of Glory!



THURSDAY

Read Colossians 2:6-15 Discuss

Why then must Christ be both God and man?

Well, for one thing, He needed to be able to suffer. Christ needed to live a life acquainted with every grief as we are. He needed to be able to be tempted to sin. In His humanity, Christ really did suffer. He was led into the wilderness and He really was tempted. Even if no other person in your life can understand how you are tempted (unlikely), Christ does and He can walk with you through that temptation.

Not only did He suffer, but Christ truly died. He didn't just appear to die, He wasn't simply almost dead. Christ was truly man in a real body and He truly died and He truly rose again. If Christ was not human, then He could not truly die and we would not be saved!

But Christ is not only truly man, He is also truly God. In His divinity, Christ has the authority and the ability to forgive sins. Christ, being God, is able to provide a sufficient atonement, a sufficient sacrifice for the sins of men. If Christ had ONLY been man, then He would not have been able to bear the full punishment of our sins. But by being God AND man, Christ could fully pay the penalty for our sins.

What a beautiful thing this is, that Jesus is truly God and truly man, yet is One person able to fully and completely atone for our sins.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it important that Christ be truly God in order to save us?
- Is it comforting to know that Christ truly suffered and understands your pain because He is also truly man?

Sing

Why Should I Sorrow More?
William Williams and CH
Spurgeon

Pray

Praise God for how wonderful He is!

WHY SHOULD I SORROW MORE?

Verse 1:

Why should I sorrow more?
I trust a Saviour slain,
And safe beneath His sheltering cross
Unmoved I shall remain.

Verse 2:

Let Satan and the world, Ever my heart allure; The promises in Christ are made Unchangeable and sure.

Verse 3:

The oath infallible Is now my spirit's trust; I know that He Who spoke the word, Is faithful, true, and just.

Verse 4:

He'll bring me on my way Unto my journey's end; He'll be my Father and my God, My Saviour and my Friend.

Verse 5:

So all my doubts and fears
Shall wholly flee away,
And every mournful night of tears
Be turned to joyous day.

Verse 6:

All that remains for me
Is but to love and sing,
And wait until the angels come
To bear me to the King.



FRIDAY

Read 1 Peter 2:18-25

Discuss

Everything we learn about Christ, Him being the Son of God, Christ being Lord, Christ being truly God and truly man, these only truly matter for us because of what Christ came to do. Christ was born to die.

God sent His Son to the world to save us from sin. The Son of God was sent to live a very hard life, and to live it perfectly. The Lord of all creation came to live as one of His own servants. A man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. He lived this life with all of its ups and downs. He had hard days when people were mean to Him. But rather than taking the easy way out and sinning against them, He loved them and blessed them.

Jesus Christ, the perfect Son of God in true humanity, went to the cross. He didn't deserve to die, but His death was the only way for our sins to be forgiven. Someone had to pay the debt, bear the penalty of our sins.

Willingly, He was mocked and beaten by men. A crown of thorns was placed on His head. He carried His own cross up Golgotha, where soldiers nailed His hands and feet to the cross. There they raised Him up and he hung on the cross, the perfect Son of Man, dying as we deserved. Out of love for you and me, Christ gave up His life. He died, bearing our sins, so that we would find life in Him.

He bore our sins to death. He truly died. He was truly buried. He lay in the grave three days. If He stayed dead, then our sins would not have been fully paid and we would have no future hope. But He rose on the third day, having fully paid for our sins so that we can live through 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

His Robes For Mine Chris Anderson

Pray

Thank God for the sacrifice of His Son.

HIS ROBES FOR MINE

Verse 1:

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange! Clothes in my sin, Christ suffered neath God's rage. Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified. In Christ I live, for in my place He died.

Refrain:

I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost: Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God. Bought by such love, my life is not my own; My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone.

Verse 2:

His robes for mine: What cause have I for dread? God's daunting law Christ mastered in my stead. Faultless I stand, with righteous works not mine, Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life.

Verse 3:

His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "Tis done!"
Sin's wage is paid; propitiation won.

Verse 4:

His robes for mine: Such anguish none can know. Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though His foe. He, as though I, accursed and left alone; I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home!

