



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
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Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 23: Why must the Redeemer
be truly God?

That because of his divine nature his
obedience and suffering would be
perfect and effective; and also that he
would be able to bear the righteous
anger of God against sin and yet
overcome death.

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 Isaiah 43:1-13

Discuss

Before we see why the Redeemer must be truly God, we should look back to who God says the Redeemer is. Easy enough, God says He is the Redeemer! God reminds us that He is the one who made us and called us by name. We have an incredibly personal Redeemer because He knows us better than we know ourselves. That can be a scary thought! Even though He knows the worst about us, He walks with us through the fire and water like in Exodus because we are precious to Him.

We have a Redeemer who redeems because He loves us. He says repeatedly in Isaiah 43 all that He has done. No one can undo it. No one can do it better than Him. There is no god before or after Him. If there is any Savior, it is Him. It is because of this we do not fear. We know that no one can compare to our Redeemer, so nothing can stop Him from redeeming us. Not even death. Paul tells us in Romans 8:38-39 that there is truly nothing that can separate us from God's love. He loves us, sees us as precious, calls us, and redeems us.

Before seeing Christ our Redeemer is truly God, ask yourself each day this question: "If Christ were any less than God, could I be sure that I will live with God forever?"

Discussion Questions

- Why is it good that our Redeemer is so personal?
- Read through Isaiah 43:1-13. What encourages you in knowing God is Redeemer?

Sing

I Will Sing of My Redeemer
Keith and Kristyn Getty

Pray

Praise the Lord Jesus Christ and
His saving work on the cross to
redeem us!

I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER

Verse 1:

I will sing of my Redeemer
And His wondrous love to me
On the cruel cross He suffered
From the curse to set me free

Chorus:

Sing, O sing of my Redeemer
With His blood He purchased me
On the cross He sealed my pardon
Paid the debt and made me free

Verse 2:

I will tell the wondrous story
How my lost estate to save
In His boundless love and mercy
He the ransomed freely gave

(chorus)

Verse 3:

I will praise my dear Redeemer
His triumphant power I'll tell
How the victory He giveth
Over sin and death and hell

(chorus)

Verse 4:

I will sing of my Redeemer
And His heav'nly love for me
He from death to life hath brought me
Son of God, with Him to be

(Chorus)



TUESDAY

Read Hebrews 1:3

Discuss

The Redeemer is truly God because of His divine nature. Have you ever had someone say you look just like one of your parents? This makes sense since they pass down traits to us. However, no one is truly exactly like their parents except Christ. He is the exact imprint meaning whatever God's nature is, Jesus's nature is. How can this be? Because Jesus is God!

Imagine a redeemer with a nature that is not divine. What if he was not holy or loving like God? Would that person care enough to die for the sins of his people? In Christ, we have a Redeemer who not only has the nature of God so that He is entirely good, righteous, loving, etc. but also has the power to back it up. With divine nature comes the power to hold together the whole universe by His word. No other redeemer could compare in character or power. He surely has the strength to follow through with His redeeming character.

We need a redeemer who does not have a nature like ours. If Christ was just like us, He would need saving too and could not possibly be God. Instead, we have a redeemer who not only has the nature to overcome sin but has the nature we need to become holy like Him.

Discussion Questions

- Why does it matter that Christ is exactly like His Father and not just similar?
- Why do we need a redeemer who has the nature and strength of God?

Sing

*Jesus Thy Blood and
Righteousness*
Nicholas Von Zinzendorf

Pray

Thank God for Jesus making
purification for sins!

JESUS THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

Verse 1:

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness
my beauty are, my glorious dress;
midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed;
with joy shall I lift up my head.

Verse 2:

Bold shall I stand in that great day,
for who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through thee I am,
from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Verse 3:

When from the dust of death I rise
to claim my mansion in the skies,
e'en then shall this be all my plea,
Jesus hath lived, hath died for me!

Verse 4:

O let the dead now hear his voice,
Let those fast bound in sin rejoice!
Their beauty this, their glorious dress
Jesus, your Blood and righteousness



WEDNESDAY

Read 1 Peter 3:18

Discuss

The Redeemer is truly God because His obedient suffering was perfect and effective. Paul asks a good question in Romans 5. Would you sacrifice for someone? Maybe if they were good. What if that person was evil? Probably not. However, Christ did exactly that on the cross. Because of the divine nature we saw yesterday, He suffered for us while we were still sinful and rebellious. He is righteous, and we are not without Him. Only one who is holy could suffer perfectly. Only one who is divine could suffer and be effective in it. Christ suffered once. That means that unlike the Old Testament believers, we do not have to sacrifice over and over to be close to God. Now, our flesh (the sinful nature we lived for) has been killed and replaced with life in the Spirit (Christ giving us His divine nature).

Psalm 49:7-9 tells us that a man cannot pay the cost for another man's life to God. Christ is not just a man. A man cannot even pay the price for himself. But Christ who is God and man had no cost of sin on Him. Christ is the only one who can obey perfectly. It is His nature. Christ is the only one who can suffer perfectly. It is His holiness. Christ is the only one who can effectively pay for sin. It is His mission.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it more meaningful that Christ died for us when we were sinful instead of dying for “good people?”
- Why is it good that Christ only had to die once? (Hint: If He had to keep dying, did He really totally pay the price for us?)

Sing

The Lord is My Salvation
Keith and Kristen Getty

Pray

Praise God that for our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21).

THE LORD IS MY SALVATION

[Verse 1]

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

[Verse 2]

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

[Chorus]

Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won
The Lord is my salvation

[Verse 3]

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

[Verse 4]

In times of waiting, times of need
When I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation

[Chorus]

[Verse 5]

And when I reach my final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise
He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

[Chorus]



THURSDAY

Read Isaiah 53:10

Discuss

The Redeemer is truly God because He bore the anger of God. Have you ever tried to lift something too heavy for you? No amount of trying is enough. Imagine trying to take the full force of God's punishment. You will not be able to bear the weight or take the hit. However, Christ not only took the blow to be crushed. Christ obeyed God perfectly and was willing to be crushed for our sins because God desired it.

When Christ died on the cross, He did not just die for us. He paid the debt of sin. When you sin against the Creator, He as the perfect Judge has to bring justice. If He ignores it, He is not good as judge or God. You would not want to live in a world where people could do whatever they want without consequences. As we have seen, we cannot pay the price. That is why there was an offering. A substitute took the place for the wrath of God. But Christ did something that no other sacrifice could do. God's wrath was satisfied.

When Jesus said "it is finished" as He died, He was not just saying His work was done. It was complete, and sin was paid in full for those who are in Christ. Now, when we go to the courtroom, the Judge tells us that there is no record of debt. Justice was already served on Christ for our sake. No man or angel can pay that price.

Discussion Questions

- Have you thought that your sins had no consequences? What made you think this way?
- Knowing Christ took an impossibly heavy debt for us, how should you respond? Are you living like you know He did this for you?

Sing

Blessed Assurance
Fanny Crosby

Pray

Pray through Psalm 139:23-24 and ask the Holy Spirit to have you hate your sin and cling to what is good (Jesus Christ).

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Verse 1:

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 2:

Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

[Refrain]

Verse 3:

Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

[Refrain]



FRIDAY

Read Acts 2:24

Discuss

The Redeemer is truly God because He overcame death. Christ has the nature and power to perfectly obey God and effectively suffer for us. He took the weight of debt for us. But all of this is in vain if He did not rise from the dead. If He did not rise, then we do not have the new life that redeems us from sin and death (1 Cor 15:17). The fact He did this means that not even death is stronger than Him. Who could this be who is so strong that not even death itself can stop Him? Jesus refused to let His tomb stay closed.

Christ must be divine because no mere man or angel can overcome death itself. Christ not only conquered death for Himself; by rising, we get to rise by having His Spirit in us. He gives us eternal life with the greatest reward: getting to be with God forever. When He returns, death itself is put to death. He does all of this after having taken on the punishment of God for us. Who is this powerful? Only God can be strong enough.

We have this hope. Christ is our Redeemer. He broke open His grave and ours since we were dead in sin and could not be free. If death cannot stop Christ, then we who are with Him have no need to fear it. He has already defeated it.

Discussion Questions

- If Christ cannot be held by death, He is abundant with life. Why do we need Him to not just pay for sins but give us new, eternal life?
- Is there anyone who rivals God? Satan? Death? What does this show about God?

Sing

The Glories of Calvary
Sovereign Grace
Worship

Pray

Thank God for Christ dying on the cross, but three days later was raised from the dead and now for those in Christ have eternal life!

THE GLORIES OF CALVARY

VERSE 1:

Lord, You're calling me to come
And behold the wondrous cross
To explore the depths of grace
That came to me at such a cost
Where Your boundless love
Conquered my boundless sin
And mercy's arms were opened wide

CHORUS:

My heart is filled with a thousand songs
Proclaiming the glories of Calvary
With every breath, Lord how I long
To sing of Jesus who died for me
Lord, take me deeper
Into the glories of Calvary

VERSE 2:

Sinners find eternal joy
In the triumph of Your wounds
By our Savior's crimson flow
Holy wrath has been removed
And Your saints below
Join with your saints above
Rejoicing in the Risen Lamb

