



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
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Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 25: Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

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 Colossians 2:13-15

Discuss

When I was little, I had a big question. Did Jesus really forgive ALL of my sins? I knew that Jesus was God, and I believed He died for me, but I also knew how bad I was and how much I had sinned. How could He have really forgiven everything I had done?

If you are honest, you have probably thought something like that before. It took me over 18 years to realize that of course Jesus had forgiven all of my sins. I hope it doesn't take you as long as it took me.

One way to understand how He could forgive all of our sins, is to realize who Jesus really is. Jesus was not just some good guy. He is God! If God Himself is going to come to die in my place, He isn't going to stop halfway. God isn't going to forgive most of my sins but not be able to forgive them all.

If Jesus is God, then He either forgave all of my sins or none of them. All of my sins were nailed to the cross with Christ. He forgave me because He truly is God, and He truly loves me.

Discussion Questions

- Do you ever wonder if you have sinned to much to be saved?
- How does Jesus being God help us trust Him?
- Why is it important that Jesus be able to forgive all of our sins?

Sing

Lead Me to Calvary
Jennie Evelyn Hussey

Pray

Thank God for forgiving your sins
through Jesus.

LEAD ME TO CALVARY

Verse 1:

King of my life I crown Thee now-
Thine shall the glory be;
Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow,
Lead me to Calvary.

Refrain:

Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget Thine agony,
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.

Verse 2:

Show me the tomb where Thou wast laid,
Tenderly mourned and wept;
Angels in robes of light arrayed
Guarded Thee whilst Thou slept.

[Refrain]

Verse 3:

Let me like Mary, thru the gloom,
Come with a gift to Thee;
Show to me now the empty tomb-
Lead me to Calvary.

[Refrain]

Verse 4:

May I be willing, Lord, to bear
Daily my cross for Thee;
Even Thy cup of grief to share-
Thou hast borne all for me.

[Refrain]



TUESDAY

Read 1 John 2:1-2

Discuss

I grew up on a farm. As a farm kid I spent many many days playing in creeks, digging in the dirt, climbing trees, and playing with our animals. I always enjoyed it and would come back to the house covered in dirt and mud and grime. While I had fun playing in the dirt, my mom was more worried about getting the stains out of my clothes. She tried all sorts of things to get the stains out, and while she often succeeded, but there were many stains that she simply could not get rid of.

“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.” Isaiah1:18

Our sins leave deeper stains than mud or oil. No amount of scrubbing will get them out. The only way to have them scrubbed away is through the sacrifice of Christ. His blood removes even the deepest and darkest stain on our souls. His blood removes the stains so much that He makes us whiter than snow.

Our sins are fully paid, fully removed, completely washed away because of Christ.

Discussion Questions

- Have you tried to cleanse yourself of sin? How did that work out?
- Why do we need Christ to cleanse us?
- Why did Christ shed His blood for you and me?

Sing

Take My Heart with Altar Fire
Advent Birmingham

Pray

Thank Jesus for shedding His blood to cleanse you from sin.

TAKE MY HEART WITH ALTAR FIRE

Verse 1:

All seeing God, You see my deeds
You see my faults by light of day
You see my sins concealed in darkness
Turn my deeds to holy ways
Turn my deeds to holy ways
All hearing God, You hear my words
You hear each lie, each hurtful phrase
You hear my pride in secret slander
Turn my tongue to truth and grace
Turn my tongue to truth and grace

Chorus:

Take away my love of sinning
Straighten every bent desire
Fix my soul upon Your promise
Take my heart with altar fire
Take my heart with altar fire

Verse 2:

All knowing God, You know my heart
You know my yearnings deep inside
You know my hidden motivations
Turn my heart to pure delight
Turn my heart to pure delight

(chorus)

Bridge:

Fire of God, consume my heart
Burn it down to only faith
'Til all that's left of me is only You
Christ my glory, Christ my praise (Consuming fire)
Fire of God, consume my heart
Burn it down to only faith
'Til all that's left of me is only You
Christ my glory, Christ my praise

(chorus)



WEDNESDAY

Read Romans 4:22-25

Discuss

Yesterday we talked about being made white as snow. That the blood of Christ cleanses us from sin and guilt so much that we stand pure white before Him.

When our sins are forgiven, they aren't just removed from us. We are actually given the clothes of Christ.

Through the blood of Christ we are given new clothes when we stand before the Father.

In Genesis there is the story of Jacob and Esau. Jacob tricked their father into giving him Esau's birthright. He wore Esau's clothes and put extra hair on his arm so he would look, smell, and feel like his brother.

Rather than stealing Jesus' birthright, Christ puts His clothes onto us and sends us to the Father so that when we stand before the throne of God He sees us as His Son. He freely gives us His righteousness so that we can stand before the Father knowing He sees us with the same love and affection that He does His own Son.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it so important for Jesus to give us His righteousness?
- Why do you think Jesus' righteousness is better than our own?
- How does having Jesus' righteousness affect the way we pray?

Sing

And Can It Be
Charles Wesley

Pray

Thank Jesus for giving you
His righteousness.

AND CAN IT BE

Verse 1:

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Refrain:

Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

Verse 2:

'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.

[Refrain]

Verse 3:

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.

[Refrain]

Verse 4:

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

[Refrain]

Verse 5:

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

[Refrain]



THURSDAY

Read Zechariah 3:1-5

Discuss

It's not uncommon for people to skip over the minor prophets. You may have even had a hard time finding that passage in your Bible. Don't feel bad if you did, I'm sure you are not alone. But because of that, this passage may have been a new one for you.

Joshua was the high priest when the Jewish people returned from Babylon. He was the first high priest in the Second Temple. His job was to stand before God and offer intercession for the people. He was to be the most holy man in all of Israel. But when Joshua was standing before the angel of the Lord, he is described as wearing filthy rags.

Isaiah 64:6 says that all of our righteous deeds are like filthy rags. Even if we are the most holy man in all of Israel, all we have to wear are filthy rags.

What does God do for Joshua? The same thing that He does for us! He has the filthy rags removed from Joshua and instead clothes him in clean clothes. These are the righteousness of Christ. God removes our sins and clothes us to stand before Him in righteous unity.

Discussion Questions

- Do you think of your righteous deeds as dirty rags?
- Have you considered how much you need God to make you righteous?

Sing

Not in Me

Eric Schumacher and David
Ward

Pray

Confess your sins to God and
ask Him to clothe you in His
righteousness.

O THE LOVE OF MY REDEEMER

Verse 1:

Highest heights or darkest deep
Be there pain or poverty
There is nothing that can keep
My Redeemer's love from me

Chorus:

O the love of my Redeemer
Never failing come what may
He has purchased my forgiveness
And has washed my sins away

Verse 2:

All alone though I may feel
All the world my enemy
Still there's no one that can steal
My Redeemer's love from me

(Chorus)

Verse 3:

Although burdened by the weight
Of great trial or tragedy
None of these can separate
My Redeemer's love from me

(Chorus)

Verse 4:

Though the earth's foundations shake
Driving wind or raging sea
Neither death nor life can take
My Redeemer's love from me

(Chorus)

Verse 5:

Through this world's few passing days
And through all eternity
I will never cease to praise
My Redeemer's love for me



FRIDAY

Read Micah 7:18-20

Discuss

Christ was sacrifice for our sins in our place. He took on Himself the punishment that you and I deserve. Not only did he take that on Himself, but He completely satisfied the wrath of God! Because our sins have been so completely paid for, God doesn't even need to remember them anymore.

When you commit a crime, it goes on your record. So that whenever a police officer pulls you over, they can see you committed that crime. Some offenses are automatically removed after a period of time, but others stay there for your entire life. Each of us had a HUGE record of sin against God.

When Christ died for us, that record was removed. It was so completely removed from us that God doesn't even remember those sins as being our own. They were paid for by Christ and you and I are now His adopted sons and daughters, that is what matters.

When God forgives us of sin, He forgives completely. Not mostly, not partly, not holding onto it a little to use against us in the future. He forgives us so much that it is as if he cannot even remember how we sinned in the past. That is all because Jesus Christ died for you and me.

Discussion Questions

- Do you think that God still remembers your sin? Why or why not?
- Why did we need our record cleared?
- How should we live knowing that our sins are so forgiven by God?

Sing

*In the Cross Alone I
Glory*
Brian Petak

Pray

Thank God for completely
forgiving your sins.

IN THE CROSS ALONE I GLORY

Verse 1:

In the cross alone I glory
Recognition laying down
Greatest treasures count as worthless
Standing next to Heaven's crowns
Standing next to Heaven's crowns

Verse 2:

In the cross alone I glory
Ever reaching for the prize
Pressing on and laying hold of
That for which my savior died
That for which my savior died

Chorus:

In the cross alone I glory
Nothing of my own to give
Only that which Christ has offered
For my soul that I may live
For my soul that I may live

Verse 3:

In the cross alone I glory
Holding fast the word of life
Toiling not in vain but being
Poured out as a sacrifice
Poured out as a sacrifice

Bridge:

Never will I seek the glory
That was never meant for me
Always heavenward reflecting
All to Jesus to receive
All to Jesus to receive
All to Jesus to receive

