



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
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Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 26: What else does
Christ's death redeem?

Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good.

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 Revelation 21:1-8

Discuss

Jesus has saved us from our sin! Those of us who know Jesus as our Savior can rejoice knowing this. He died for us and through His resurrection conquered over sin and death.

Sometimes however, it doesn't feel that way. In my classes I hear all sorts of coughs and sniffles and sneezes from my classmates. My family waited with baited breath and constant prayer for weeks as my nephew was born not breathing and was rushed to the NICU. People are sick and hurting and dying.

Some theologians call this era of history the "already, not yet." Death has been defeated, yet people still die while the Gospel is declared. Sin has been defeated, yet we still wrestle with it.

In the "already, not yet" we can still rejoice! We rejoice knowing that because God was faithful in the past by raising Jesus from the grave, that He will be faithful in the future. Christ has brought redemption, not just for our souls but for all creation. Someday there will be no more pain. Lord come quickly that the someday is soon. Until then, trust that He is faithful.

Discussion Questions

- The catechism question said Christ's death is the "beginning of redemption" for creation. In what ways do you see that redemption as having started, but not finished?
- In what ways does this cause us to cling to Christ?

Sing

My Hiding Place
David Ward

Pray

Ask God to give you contentment as you wait for Him to finish His work of redemption.

MY HIDING PLACE

Verse 1:

Against the God who rules the sky
I fought with hands uplifted high;
Despised the mention of His grace,
Too proud to seek a hiding place!
But an eternal counsel ran:
'Almighty love, arrest that man!'
I felt the arrows of disgrace
And found I had no hiding place.

Chorus:

My Jesus is my hiding place,
Surrounding me with steadfast love and
grace.
In death He'll be my hiding place
And I shall ever see His smiling face.

Verse 2:

Indignant Justice stood in view;
To Sinai's fiery mount I flew;
But Justice cried with frowning face,
'This mountain is no hiding place.'
Ere long a heav'nly voice I heard,
And mercy for my soul appeared,
Which led me on with smiling face
To Jesus Christ, my hiding place.

(Chorus)

Verse 3:

On Him almighty vengeance fell:
Enough to sink the world to hell.
He bore it for His chosen race,
And thus became their hiding place.
Should storms of mighty vengeance roll
And shake this earth from pole to pole,
No flaming bolt could daunt my face
For Jesus is my hiding place.

(Chorus)



TUESDAY

Read Romans 8:18-25

Discuss

As I write this, I am very tired. Last night I did not sleep well. I struggled to fall asleep and when I finally did, I was in an odd position. Not only that but I have been fighting the first of my springtime allergies. When I woke up this morning, tired, back sore, with a headache and clogged nose, I groaned. My body hurt, and I simply had to let out a groan as I got out of bed.

In our passage today, Paul tells us that the all of creation is groaning. When Adam sinned, every single part of creation was broken by sin. Thorns grow in fields, tornados tear apart towns, and pollen from trees causes many of us to get sick.

Jesus died on the cross to save sinners. But that isn't the only thing He accomplished on the cross. Christ's death begins the redemption of ALL of creation.

When Christ reverses the curse, He reverses the whole thing. Wherever the curse and effects of sin can be found, Christ's work will make all things right. God saves sinners, that is the greatest thing for us. But He doesn't stop with us. He will not be satisfied until the effects of His work echo throughout all creation for eternity.

Discussion Questions

- Have you ever thought about God's redemption reaching this far?
- Why do you think that it is important for Christ's redemption to not just stop with saving man?

Sing

My Ransom

Phil Madeira and Cindy Morgan

Pray

Thank God that He is powerful enough to redeem all of creation

MY RANSOM

Verse 1:

What fear can overtake my vision
What doubt can overcome my faith
What strife can silence all my singing
Lord, Your wounds have paid my ransom

Chorus:

And what unspeakable mercy
Has emptied heaven's reserve
And what Redeemer so worthy
Has covered sin with such love
And what unsearchable riches
Far beyond human words
Lord, Your wounds have paid my ransom

Verse 2:

What thief can steal my heart's possession
What pow'r can overwhelm my soul
What shame can silence my confession
Lord, Your wounds have paid my ransom

(Chorus)

Verse 3:

What lie can sever what is certain
What storm can wash away my hope
What threat of death can take my freedom
Lord, Your wounds have paid my ransom

(Chorus)



WEDNESDAY

Read Colossians 1:15-20

Discuss

“For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.” Colossians 1:19-20

Is there anything imperfect in God? That should be an easy answer. No! Of course God is perfect. If something is united to God, it has been made perfect.

Sinner are united to God, not because of anything that we have done, but because the perfect blood of Christ has cleansed us. Christ’s blood makes us holy and spotless so that we can be united to Him.

God reconciling all things in heaven and on earth to Himself. All of creation. Therefore the blood of Christ is at work in redeeming all things.

Christ has been given all things as His inheritance. He is the One who reigns as King and Savior over all creation. He is therefore making all things new because He deserves an inheritance that is holy, blameless, and spotless.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it important for God to make all things new?
- How does Christ redeeming all things make Him beautiful?
- Does this reality cause you to love Christ more?

Sing

I Set My Hope on Jesus
Matt Boswell, Keith Getty,
Kristyn Getty

Pray

Praise God for His amazing work in redeeming creation.

I WILL SET MY HOPE ON JESUS

Verse 1:

When this life of trials test my faith
I set my hope on Jesus
When the questions come and doubts remain
I set my hope on Jesus
For the deepest wounds that time won't heal
There's a joy that runs still deeper
There's a truth that's more than all I feel
I set my hope on Jesus

Chorus:

I set my hope on Jesus
My rock, my only trust
Who set His heart upon me first
I set my hope on Jesus

Verse 2:

Though I falter in this war with sin
I set my hope on Jesus
When I fail the fight and sink within
I set my hope on Jesus
Though the shame would drown me in its sea
And I dread the waves of justice
I will cast my life on Calvary
I set my hope on Jesus

(Chorus)

Verse 3:

Though the world called me to leave my Lord
I set my hope on Jesus
Though it offer all its vain rewards
I set my hope on Jesus
Though this heart of mine is prone to stray
Give me grace enough to finish
'Til I worship on that final day
I set my hope on Jesus

(Chorus x2)



THURSDAY

Read Habakkuk 2:11

Discuss

Why did God make the world?

Think about it. God is perfect. In Himself He is lacking in nothing. He didn't NEED to make the world.

It was not a need that caused God to create all things, but a desire to display His attributes. He created the world so that He would be more fully revealed. It was for His glory.

Everything exists and serves to glorify God.

But sin broke that perfect creation. What was once made to revere God is not in rebellion against Him because of the sin of man.

When God goes about the work of redeeming creation, He is doing so to demonstrate His glory. He is restoring the world to what it was meant to do.

God is redeeming us and all of creation so that we might bring Him all praise, glory and honor that He is due.

Discussion Questions

- Do you usually think about God's glory in redemption?
- How does creation bring glory to God?

Sing

Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus
Louisa Stead

Pray

Praise God for His glorious
deeds

TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

Verse 1:

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise,
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

Verse 2:

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust his cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me
neath the healing, cleansing flood!

[Refrain]

Verse 3:

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking
life and rest, and joy and peace.

[Refrain]



FRIDAY

Read Revelation 4

Discuss

My family thinks that I'm weird because I like to eat with chopsticks. I enjoy it, it slows me down so that I don't eat as quickly or as much and it lets me savor each bite. However, when it's time to eat soup, I use a spoon. Chopsticks won't work very well when trying to eat a bowl of soup! You may be able to do it, one drop at a time, but it will take a long time and leave you unsatisfied.

When we use things in a way that they were not intended to be used, we are usually left disappointed.

Creation has been broken by the fall. It doesn't work how it was supposed to. Being marked and filled with sin not only dishonors God, but it isn't good for creation.

It is always best when things work and exist as God made them to. He designed this world perfectly. People and creation flourish when we live and exist how we were designed to.

As God restores creation and redeems us from sin, we rejoice even more knowing that God loves us to make the world we live in work the way it was supposed to again.

Discussion Questions

- What do you think about it being for the good of creation that God restores it?
- How does living the way God says produce good effects in our life?

Sing

*Behold Our God
Sovereign Grace*

Pray

Ask God to help you live in
a way that matches His
design

BEHOLD OUR GOD

VERSE 1:

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

CHORUS:

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King! Nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!

VERSE 2:

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

(CHORUS)

VERSE 3:

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

(CHORUS)

