



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
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Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 28: What happens after death to those not united to Christ by faith?

At the day of judgment they will receive the fearful but just sentence of condemnation pronounced against them. They will be cast out from the favorable presence of God, into hell, to be justly and grievously punished, forever.

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 hymns and songs 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 20:11-15

Discuss

When we die we either are sent to be with Christ in paradise (Luke 23:42-43), or we are sent to a place called Hades to await the final judgement.

In the future, everyone will stand before the Great White Throne on the Day of Judgement. Every person will stand before the throne of God. Think about the size of that crowd! Our church has about 200 people every week. The world has 8 BILLION people living in it right now. And some people think that over 118 BILLION people have lived in the past (though no one really knows except God).

Each one of those 118+ billion people will stand before God. If their name is in the book of life, then they will be brought into heaven and be given resurrection bodies. If they are not found in the book of life, then Scripture tells us that they will be punished.

“And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” Revelation 20:15

The only way to be in the book of life is to trust completely in the person and work of Jesus Christ for salvation.

Discussion Questions

- Why do you think Christians should consider the day of judgement?
- Can someone remove their name from the book of life? (Read John 10:28-29)
- Why is the day of judgement a happy thing for Christians?

Sing

There is a Fountain
William Cowper

Pray

Thank God for His mercy saving
us from the wrath to come

THERE IS A FOUNTAIN

Verse 1

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

Verse 2

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away,
Wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

Verse 3

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed ones of God
Be saved, to sin no more:
Be saved, to sin no more,
Be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed ones of God,
Be saved to sin no more.

Verse 4

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die,
And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

Verse 5

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing Thy power to save:
I'll sing Thy power to save,
I'll sing Thy power to save;
Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing Thy power to save.



TUESDAY

Read Romans 3:19, 6:23; John 3:16-18, 36

Discuss

The judgement of God is a scary thing. Our catechism question for the week calls this judgement “fearful.”

Fearful has two main meanings. The first is “awe.” Have you ever seen something so amazing you didn’t have words for it? I remember when I first moved here and saw my first Midwest thunderstorm. I didn’t even know what to say as I saw the sky fill with lightning for nearly half an hour. I wasn’t “afraid” because the storm was a long ways away, but I lost all words at how amazing the storm was. When believers see the justice of God, this is our “fear.” Awe and wonder, knowing we are safe, but marveling at the power and immensity of our just God.

“It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” Heb. 10:31

The other meaning is “terrifying.” For those who are not saved, this judgement is truly a terrifying thing. They are not held safe by God. They are not protected. They have no Rock to save them. Parents, feel free to explain as much as you are comfortable with, but the judgement that God will give is as terrible as you can imagine. It is the full wrath of God with nothing held back. Complete calamity with no hope of rescue. It is the worst pain, the most suffocating darkness, and it will never ever end.

Discussion Questions

- Usually we don’t like to talk about this subject, why?
- Why do Christians not have to be “afraid” of judgement day?
- What does this make you think about what Christ did for us?

Sing

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Williams Baker

Pray

Pray for those you know who are
not saved

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

Verse 1:

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Verse 2:

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Verse 3:

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

Verse 4:

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Verse 5:

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

Verse 6:

And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.



WEDNESDAY

Read 2 Thessalonians 1:9; Revelation 14:10; Matthew 10:28

Discuss

When I was little my parents explained hell to me as being “away from the presence of God.” But is this correct? Our catechism adds one word that makes this definition better, “They will be cast out from the favorable presence of God..” Hell is not the removal of God’s presence completely, it is the removal of His FAVORABLE presence.

Hell is a place of final judgement and punishment. Who is doing the punishing of those in hell? It is not the Devil, he is going to be punished in hell too! Same with all the demons. The One who is doing the punishing is God Himself.

God is very present in hell. But rather than showing His lovingkindness, grace, and mercy, in hell God shows all of His wrath and just anger. Take a moment to read Revelation 6. At the end of the chapter, the kings call on the mountains to bury them. Why? To hide them from the face of the Lamb. They know that they are guilty before Him and that His anger is fixed on them. When looking on His holiness, they are filled with dread.

In hell, there are no mountains to hide one from the face of the Lamb. The terror of hell is not that God is absent, but that there is no escape from His presence.

Discussion Questions

- Why do you think the presence of God in hell is a punishment?
- Why do you think Christians should be aware of hell?
- What does this make you think of God?

Sing

Wonderful, Merciful Savior
Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse

Pray

Thank God for bringing you into His favorable presence.

WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR

VERSE 1

Wonderful, merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

VERSE 2

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost our way
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way

CHORUS

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

VERSE 3

Almighty, infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

(CHORUS x2)



THURSDAY

Read Revelation 20:14; Matthew 22:1-14; Jude 13

Discuss

What will hell be like? As we read on Monday and Tuesday, hell is the just punishment of God. It is not God overreacting. It is the perfectly just consequence of sinning against a holy God.

Scripture also seems to indicate that those in hell will be given new bodies. Everyone will receive a body fit for eternity, whether that eternity is spent in heaven or hell (Daniel 12:1-2; Luke 16; Matthew 10:28). This means it is a body that does not decay and cannot be broken.

This is important for two reasons. Some of the most consistent depictions of hell in Scripture are of being a place of fire and darkness. The fire is described as eternal and never ending. It is a lake of fire. On earth, our bodies can be broken. If you burn yourself in fire long enough, eventually your nerves will be burned so that the fire no longer hurts. But with an eternal body, the flames of hell will always be felt perfectly.

Scripture tells us of a darkness “which can be felt” (Exodus 9:21). The darkness of hell is like this. It is suffocating, all consuming, and inescapable. God is light, and when He removes His favor from those in hell, He removes even the blessing of His light.

Discussion Questions

- Think about what Christ did for you. How does learning about hell make you think about Christ and His work?
- How is God good in sending people to hell?

Sing

Hallelujah For the Cross
Ross King and Todd Wright

Pray

Praise God for His justice that
will be eternally displayed

HALLELUJAH FOR THE CROSS

Verse 1

Up to the hill of Calvary
My Savior went courageously
And there he bled and died for me
Hallelujah for the cross

Verse 2

And on that day the world was changed
A final, perfect Lamb was slain
Let earth and heaven now proclaim
Hallelujah for the cross

Chorus

Hallelujah for the war He fought
Love has won, death has lost
Hallelujah for the souls He bought
Hallelujah for the cross

Verse 3

What good I've done could never save
My debt too great for deeds to pay
But God, my Savior, made a way
Hallelujah for the cross

Verse 4

A slave to sin, my life was bound
But all my chains fell to the ground
When Jesus' blood came flowing down
Hallelujah for the cross

(Chorus)

Verse 5

And when I breathe my final breath
I'll have no need to fear that rest
This hope will guide me into death
Hallelujah for the cross

(Chorus x2)



FRIDAY

Read Daniel 12:1-2; Matthew 25:31-46; Revelation 20:14-15

Discuss

Heaven is made more wonderful because it has no end! In heaven there is an eternity to be spent marveling in the love of God. Hell is made more terrifying because like heaven it has no end.

Think a little about what we discussed yesterday. The horrors of hell. That eternal fire and suffocating darkness... it never ends. As long as God exists, His wrath will be poured out upon those who have remained in sin against Him.

Why is this important? First, if you do not know Jesus as your Lord and Savior then hell is the final destination of your soul. In His love, He died to rescue from this. Turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus Christ for your salvation.

Second, this should cause us to share the Gospel with our unbelieving friends and family. If you love them, then you will tell them that salvation has been offered to them through Christ. Charles Spurgeon said it this way, "If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our dead bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go unwarned and unprayed for."

Discussion Questions

- Have you trusted in Jesus for your salvation?
- Why is it important that hell is eternal?
- How does this inspire us to share the Gospel? Take turns explaining the Gospel to one another!

Sing

The Power of the Cross
Keith Getty and Stuart
Townend

Pray

Pray that God would give
you courage to share the
Gospel

THE POWER OF THE CROSS

Verse 1:

Oh, to see the dawn
Of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus:

This, the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us,
Took the blame, bore the wrath:
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Verse 2:

Oh, to see the pain
Written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;
Every bitter thought,
Every evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

(Chorus)

Verse 3

Now the daylight flees,
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life;
'Finished!' the victory cry.

(Chorus)

Verse 4

Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death,
Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

(Chorus)

