



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
04/21/25

Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 29: How can we be saved?

Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.

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.

NEW FORMAT

What is new?

You may have realized that this family worship guide looks different than those of the last several months. Through some reformatting we found a way to provide more material in the same amount of space. Here are some new things:

First, each day there is an informational bubble. This bubble will have one of five concepts: information on the persecuted church, a topic of apologetics, an important or interesting Greek/Hebrew/Latin word, an important theological term, and/or a fact from church history. Use these to help spur your interest in these topics and to learn more about our rich faith! *If you have suggestions for what you would like to see covered in one of these sections, please send an email to office@calvaryleavenworth.com*

Second, each day has a bubble discussing something about the song of the day or the author of that song. We want to be intentional with our songs. The people who wrote them thought deeply about the words they chose, and so should we!

Why did we change things?

You may be wondering why we bothered making these changes. The answer is that we want to help you as much as we can. There is no way that we can cover everything we would like to. But hopefully through these small pieces of information you will be encouraged to learn more about it. Our faith has been around for over 2000 years and has spread across the world. None of us will ever know everything. But hopefully we can all develop a love for learning more! Because as we learn more about the faith and the church, we see pictures of God moving faithfully throughout the ages and begin to love Him even more.

MONDAY

Read Ephesians 2:8-9

Discuss

What do you do when you have something BIG to do in the future? Maybe it is a big test, or a project at work, or you want to save for a big purchase like a house. Likely, you take the time to study, to plan. You will spend extra hours working hard to save money or prepare your mind. And in the end, after all of your hard work, if you were truly diligent, you will likely succeed.

Salvation is NOT like this! It is not something that we can accomplish on our own. God has told us what is required of us in the Law. But rather than being a guide for how to be saved, the Law works to highlight our inability to be saved! We find ourselves unable to accomplish the work of salvation, no matter how hard we try.

Rather than our hard work, there is one thing that saves us. Faith. Faith in the work of Jesus Christ. Under the law we realize that we are just sinners, that we are helpless. Faith then is trusting someone else to do what we could not. Faith is trusting who Christ is, what He said, and what He did, to be enough to save us where our own efforts failed. Faith is recognizing that you are totally dependent on Christ alone to save you from your sins.

Discussion Questions

- Have you placed your faith in the person and work of Jesus?
- Do you find it comforting to know you can't earn your salvation? Why or why not?
- What does it look like to live a life of faith?

Persecuted Church/Missions:

Nigeria is a country in Africa divided between a Muslim majority in the North and a Christian majority in the South. There are about 80 million Christians in this country. Christians in the North are often persecuted and killed for their faith. Over the past weeks Muslim terrorists have killed many Christians. Pray for these brothers and sisters, for their safety and that God sustain them.

About the song:

Paulus Speratus was a Roman Catholic priest in Salzburg, Austria. After hearing the teachings of Martin Luther, he became convinced of the Gospel and wrote today's hymn. He would be imprisoned and exiled for believing that faith alone saves us, not our works.

Pray

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

Sing

Salvation Unto Us Has Come
Paulus Speratus

SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME

Verse 1:

Salvation unto us has come
by God's free grace and favor;
good works cannot avert our doom,
they help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
who did for all the world atone;
he is our one Redeemer.

Verse 2:

What God did in his law demand
and none to him could render
caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand
for man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not the pure desires
the spirit of the law requires,
and lost is our condition.

Verse 3:

It was a false, misleading dream
that God his law had given
that sinners could themselves redeem
and by their works gain heaven.
The law is but a mirror bright
to bring the inbred sin to light
that lurks within our nature.

Verse 4:

From sin our flesh could not abstain,
sin held its sway unceasing;
the task was hopeless and in vain,
our guilt was e'er increasing.
None can remove sin's poisoned dart
or purify our guileful heart,
so deep is our corruption.

Verse 5:

Yet as the law must be fulfilled
or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
our human nature sharing.
He has for us the law obeyed
and thus the Father's vengeance stayed
which over us impended.

Verse 6:

Since Christ has full atonement made
and brought to us salvation,
each Christian therefore may be glad
and build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead
your death is now my life indeed,
for you have paid my ransom.

Verse 7:

Let me not doubt, but truly see
your Word cannot be broken;
your call rings out, "Come unto me!"
No falsehood have you spoken.
Baptized into your precious name,
my faith cannot be put to shame,
and I shall never perish.

Verse 8:

The law reveals the guilt of sin
and makes us conscience-stricken;
but then the gospel enters in
the sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
the law no peace can ever give,
no comfort and no blessing.

Verse 9:

Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
and rests in him unceasing;
and by its fruits true faith is known,
with love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
works serve our neighbor and supply
the proof that faith is living.

Verse 10:

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
to Father, Son, and Spirit,
the God who saved us by his grace;
all glory to his merit!
O triune God in heav'n above,
you have revealed your saving love,
your blessed name be hallowed!



TUESDAY

Read 1 Peter 2:20-25

Discuss

Jesus Christ was a real person. He wasn't a fairy-tale or some ancient myth. He was a real man who really lived. People saw him, they touched his hands, they went and told others. Most atheists agree that Jesus was real.

Why does this matter? Because if Jesus really lived, then He also really died. And if Jesus was who He said He was (the Son of God), then He is the only person who didn't deserve to die.

When Christ died, He did so in our place. He stood before the Father and received the punishment that we deserve. He took our debt and paid it so that we would be forgiven through His blood.

Because Jesus was both God and man, He could truly stand in our place and truly pay for our sins. He was able to take ALL of our sinfulness and pay the debt completely!

How wonderful is it that you don't need to work to pay down your debt to God? It was already paid by Christ for you. All that you need to do is come to the foot of the cross and be washed in the blood of the Lamb.

Discussion Questions

- How does it make you feel that Christ took your place?
- Do you think you deserve what Christ suffered?
- How would you describe what Christ did for you on the cross?

Apologetics:

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." Psalm 19:1

Everyone with eyes can see that this world is not "random." If you see a building, you assume that someone built it. You don't think it just popped up. In the same way, when we look at the world, we know that someone made it. Creation declares its Creator.

About the song:

In Christ Alone is a modern hymn that is filled with timeless truths. In this hymn we are reminded of the supremacy of Christ. That it is Him alone through His death, and no one else that we are saved. We are saved by Christ's blood alone and are totally dependent on the mercy of God to save us.

Pray

Thank God for His mercy on the cross.

Sing

In Christ Alone
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

IN CHRIST ALONE

Verse 1:

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

Verse 2:

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

Verse 3:

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Verse 4:

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.



WEDNESDAY

Read James 1:12-15; Romans 3:23

Discuss

Recently I was explaining the Gospel to someone. They said, “You know, I understand that I am a sinner, but it seems like a bit much that Jesus would have to actually die for me. I haven’t been THAT bad.”

A lot of people think this, and maybe you do to. They think that their sin doesn’t deserve the punishment that it is given. They know they are guilty, just not THAT guilty.

The sad truth is that we all are far more guilty of sin than we even realize! Do you think you’re a good person? Let me tell you, you aren’t. Do you think you’re a bad person? Let me tell you, you’re worse than you know.

We all deserve to die for our sins. Someone needed to die so that our sins would be paid for.

Think of a power outage. All of a sudden the noises from appliances and the lights all around go out. Darkness, and silence. Then, mom lights a candle. The light of that candle seems like the most beautiful sight ever.

The darkness of our sin magnifies the beauty of the Gospel.

Discussion Questions

- In what ways have you sinned against God?
- Have you confessed your sins to Him?
- How does this change your view of the cross?

Greek/Hebrew/Latin Word to Know:

בְּרֵאשִׁית

Ber-e-sheet

This is the Hebrew word for “In the beginning.” This is the first Word in the Bible. It is the name of “Genesis” in Hebrew. This word reveals that our world had a starting point, that it was created by God. Through this word we understand that not only was God there in the beginning, He was there BEFORE the beginning. The beginning came and God was already there, ready to begin His plan of creation.

About the Song:

“His Robes for Mine” is a hymn that focuses on Christ’s substitutionary atonement. Through it we proclaim that Christ our sins upon the cross and covered us in His righteousness. We remember His great mercy and grace.

Pray

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saving us from the wrath
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Sing

His Robes For Mine
Chris Anderson

HIS ROBES FOR MINE

Verse 1:

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!
Clothed 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.

Chorus:

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.

(Chorus)

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.

(Chorus)

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!

(Chorus)



THURSDAY

Read 1 Peter 1:3-5

Discuss

Sola gratia. Grace alone.

Christians know that we are saved only because of the gracious work of Christ. Yesterday we remembered our guilt. Our unworthiness.

It is because we are unworthy that God is able to give us grace! Grace is giving someone what they have not earned.

You and I have only earned punishment and condemnation. There is no part of us that deserves forgiveness or especially gifts of love and eternal life.

Rather than giving us what we have earned, God gives us what His Son earned. He does this simply because.... well because He is gracious. There is no rhyme or reason except He wants to. He chose to have grace on us.

God chose His people before He laid the foundations of the world. He created the world so that He could reveal Himself. Part of that meant showing how gracious He could be, by forgiving you of your sins. You can't do anything to earn God's grace, it was freely given. And you can't do anything to lose His grace, it was freely given.

Discussion Questions

- Have you considered that God made you so that He could reveal His graciousness?
- Why is it important that grace is unearned?

Important Theological Term:

Hermeneutics: the science of studying the Bible.

This is a science, because there are rules. The authors wrote for a purpose, to be understood. We seek to understand what they intended. We do this by understanding how the text fits into the literary framework, meaning the context of the book it is in, how it grammatically breaks down, and what was historically happening to influence the writer to speak in a certain way. Remember, the author meant something, we just need to find out what he meant!

About the Song:

This hymn proclaims beautifully the simple reality that God chose us long before we came to Him. If He had not chosen us, we would never have turned to Him on our own.

Pray

Praise God for being a gracious God!

Sing

My Lord I Did Not Choose You
Joseph Conder

MY LORD, I DID NOT CHOOSE YOU

Verse 1:

My Lord, I did not choose You
For that could never be
My heart would still refuse You
Had You not chosen me
You took the sin that stained me
You cleansed me, made me new
Of old You have ordained me
That I should live in You

Chorus:

Jesus, You have saved me
And taken all my sin, all my sins away
Jesus, You have called me
Before the world began, to glorify Your name
I was without hope and dead inside
But You chose to save my life

Verse 2:

Unless Your grace had called me
And taught my darkened mind
The world would have enthralled me
To Your glories I'd be blind
My heart knows none above You
For Your rich grace I thirst
I know that if I love You
You must have loved me first



FRIDAY

Read Philippians 3:8-11

Discuss

Yesterday, we sang a hymn called “His Robes for Mine.” We focused on the fact that this hymn demonstrates the reality that Christ took our sinful clothes onto Himself.

There is another part of this however. Christ didn’t just take off our sinful clothes and leave us standing naked. Instead He gave us His own perfectly righteous robes that are clean and spotless, so that we can stand before the Father without shame.

There is a song sung at Passover called “Dayenu.” Dayenu means “it would have been enough.” The song sings about how if God had done one miracle, it would have been enough, but that He didn’t stop with one and kept giving and giving and giving.

It would have been more than enough if God had taken away our sinful garments. But being rich in mercy, He gave us righteousness that is not our own to cover ourselves!

If you want to be free from the shame and guilt of your sin, turn to Jesus. He came so that we don’t have to be trapped anymore. He already died to forgive us, all we have to do is trust Him in faith.

Discussion Questions

- Are you still wearing your sinful clothes, or the robes of Christ?
- How has God kept on giving in your life?

Church History:

On this day in 62 ad, Mark the Gospel writer dies. He has been imprisoned in the city of Alexandria. Many Christians die at this time under wicked emperor Nero. Even though He died, God used Mark to write His Word. You and I may not plan for the things that happen in our lives, similar to Mark, but we can rest knowing that God will use them for His glory and the good of His people.

About the Song:

Our hymn today was written by Ambrose of Milan in 390 ad. While not the most exciting tune, the lyrics beautifully adore our God. When we sing ancient hymns we are singing the same truths that the church has sung for thousands of years. Our God is the God of the living

Pray

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Sing

*O Splendor Of God’s Glory
Bright*
Ambrose of Milan

O SPLENDOR OF GOD'S GLORY BRIGHT

Verse 1:

O Splendor of God's glory bright,
From light eternal bringing light,
O Light of light, the fountain spring,
O Day, all days illumining:

Verse 2:

Come, very Sun of heaven's love,
In lasting radiance from above,
And pour the Holy Spirit's ray
On all we think or do today,
On all we think or do today.

Verse 3:

Confirm our will to do the right,
And keep our hearts from envy's blight;
Let faith her eager fires renew,
And hate the false and love the true,
And hate the false and love the true.

Chorus:

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Verse 4:

And now to You our prayers ascend,
O Father, glorious without end;
We plead with Sovereign Grace for power
To conquer in temptation's hour,
To conquer in temptation's hour.

Bridge:

All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee,
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore.

Verse 5:

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be:
World without end!
Amen, amen.

It can sometimes be difficult to find musical versions of ancient texts. To find lyrics closer to the original lyrics that Ambrose wrote, scan this code.



And scan here for a version with those more original lyrics





July 21-25 | 6-8PM

**We are beginning to plan our annual
Vacation Bible School. VBS will be
held July 21-25th. Volunteer at:**

Calvaryleavenworth.com/vbsleaders





OMEGA PROJECT

Join us and bring a friend to find out what the Bible says about the questions you have about God, the Bible, and the Christian faith.

Friday, April 25th,
5:30-7:00pm @ CBC
Childcare and snacks
provided!

"Go home to your friends and
tell them how much the Lord
has done for you, and how he
has had mercy on you."

Mark 5:19

