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Calvary Baptist Church

Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 31: What do we believe by true faith?

Everything taught to us in the gospel. The Apostles' Creed expresses what we believe in these words: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

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 Hebrews 11:1-6

Discuss

Faith requires belief. It is a firm confidence (belief) in what we know to be true.

What does this mean? First, it means that you know facts. Look outside, what do you see? Trees? Birds? Maybe a thunderstorm is rolling in?! All of these remind you of the God that made them! He raised up the tree. He taught the birds to sing. He sent a thunderstorm in His power. Not only do we see and know who God is, but we know what He has done. All the miracles of the Bible remind us of the countless times God has kept His promises.

Second, we know what God promises to do in the future. God has promised to save everyone who trusts in His Son. He has promised us eternal life in Him, through Him, and with Him.

Third, because of everything God has done in the past, we have faith that He will complete His promises in the future. Saving faith means that when we read the Bible, we believe it. We believe what the Bible says, because the God it describes has proven Himself to be trustworthy.

We have faith as we believe the Gospels, because we know who God is and what He has done.

Discussion Questions

- Does a “confident faith” make sense to you?
- How does this firm belief impact your life?
- What are other things you may not see, but still firmly believe?

Persecuted Church/Missions:

In 2021, the Islamic terrorist organization known as the Taliban took control of Afghanistan. Existing house churches are carefully hidden. The discovery of one's faith is likely to end in removal from society, imprisonment, and death. In Afghanistan, leaving Islam is considered shameful and conversion is punishable by death under Islamic law. Yet there are still 1000s of Christians in the nation worshipping Jesus.

About the song:

Our hymn today reminds us that our lives are to be lived as a sacrifice to Christ. He has bought us with His blood, so that every part of our life is no longer lived for ourselves but for Him and His glory. We are brought to ask if we live our lives truly for God's glory or our own. A Christian is one who holds nothing back from Christ.

Pray

Confess what you believe
to be true about God.
Praise Him.

Sing

Take My Life and Let Be
Frances Ridley Havergal
(1874)

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

Verse 1:

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

Vere 2:

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Verse 3:

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Verse 4:

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Verse 5:

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Verse 6:

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.



TUESDAY

Read John 20:30-31

Discuss

Each Gospel was written for a different purpose. While they tell the same story, they tell it slightly differently looking at different details.

Matthew was writing for a Jewish audience. He focuses on messianic prophecies to help convince Jews that Jesus is the Messiah.

Mark wrote to Roman Christians enduring persecution. It is short, likely to be easy to memorize so that it can be taken wherever one goes. Mark emphasizes the authority of Jesus over all things, even a cruel empire.

Luke was written to one man, Theophilus (Luke 1:3). It was written to provide the facts of Jesus' life as clearly possible. Luke reads more like a documentary and clearly places Jesus in history, showing that He is not a myth.

John was written to both Jews and Gentiles. John sought to show that Jesus wasn't just a prophet, but is actually truly God incarnate.

Each Gospel is written to point us to Jesus. So that we will see Him as our only Savior and believe in Him.

Discussion Questions

- Have you ever been confused why there are four different Gospels?
- Why do you think each author focused on different things?
- How do these different perspectives help us see Christ more fully and truly?

Apologetics:

Apologia is a Greek word that means, "to give a defense." Apologetics is the study and practice of giving a defense for Christianity. There are many defenses that can be made, many ways to demonstrate the truth of the Word. Christians study apologetics so that we can be obedient to 1 Peter 3:15, "always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect"

About the song:

This hymn, written in 1905, brings us back to the foot of the cross. Here we are reminded of the immense love and mercy of God shown to sinners upon the cross. We remember that Christ came to bear our sins so that we could be brought to a restored communion with God. How marvelous!

Pray

Confess your sins to God and how you have failed to honor Him.

Sing

I Stand Amazed
Chas. H. Gabriel (1905)

I STAND AMAZED

Verse 1:

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned, unclean

Chorus:

How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me

Verse 2:

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered, and died alone

(Chorus)

Verse 3:

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

(Chorus x3)



WEDNESDAY

Read Luke 24 (as much as you feel led)

Discuss

Our catechism question this week recites the Apostle's Creed. Many churches recite this creed every single week. CBC does not, and because of that many may not be aware about the history of this creed.

The Apostle's Creed is one of the oldest statements of faith in the Christian church. It was written sometime around 150ad and the final form of it came about around 300-400ad.

In this creed, we find a summary of Christian belief. We see the Trinity; the Lordship of Christ; the life, death, resurrection, ascension, and return of Christ; and the unity of the church. The creed is a tool for remembering what we believe as Christians, and it's short length makes it easy to memorize.

We don't have to recite creeds, but they were written to give guiderails so that we don't wander into error. When we recite the Apostles Creed, we are united with the generations of saints that came before us. Many millions have believed the same truths that we do, and though they sleep, they are alive in Christ. We confess the same truths that they did and still do as we rejoice in and worship the same risen Lord.

Discussion Questions

- Have you considered that the church is made up of all those who have lived, even those 2000 years ago?
- Why do you think it is important our faith is grounded in history?

Greek/Hebrew/Latin Word to Know:

תּוֹנֶה

Hesed (kheh-sed)

This is a Hebrew word that is difficult to translate. You may see it as "lovingkindness," "steadfast-love," "loyalty," and more. It is understood as the covenant love of God. The loyal love of God that cannot be removed, that is merciful and gracious, that reaches out to save sinners and draw them to Himself. It is a love that is always true and unable to be lost, full of grace and mercy. It is God's love to His people.

About the Song:

From the artist: "The song is based on Lamentations 3 and explores the lament of the heart when faced with sorrow, sin, and the devil. In the midst of it all, we are pointed to the Lord's unceasing love, and for this we praise Him."

Pray

Pray for those around the world who suffer for the name of Christ

Sing

Steadfast Love
Grace Worship

STEADFAST LOVE

[Verse 1]

When my way is robbed of peace
Every sense of goodness gone
When my prayers bring no relief
No more hope to carry on
What still stands above
Only his steadfast love

[Verse 2]

Longing to be pleased and whole
Haunted by my heart's demands
Always feasting never full
O what wretched man I am
What will fill me up
Only his steadfast love

[Chorus]

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases
His mercies won't come to an end
No power exhausts them, they're new every
morning
Great is your faithfulness

[Verse 3]

When the devil's roaring voice
Calls for war my soul to claim
Jesus guards my heart with joy
For his scars they bear my name
See the battle won
Because of his steadfast love

[Chorus]

[Bridge]

Praise him through the darkness
In valleys of despair
Praise him in your weakness
His strength is present there
Praise him in your doubt and fear
Let heaven's help surround
Praise him with your broken heart
For to it he is bound
Praise him when your mourning ends
He's eager to restore
Praise him in life's joyful days
He plans to give you more
Praise him as you come and go
On this our hope depends
The steadfast love of God abounds
And never never ever ends

[Chorus]



THURSDAY

Read Matthew 28:18-20

Discuss

As you read the Apostles Creed in our question this week, there is one key feature throughout it that is impossible to miss: the Trinity!

The Trinity has always been understood to be an essential part of Christianity. Without the Trinity, you simply don't have the Christian faith.

"I believe in God the Father... I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Savior... I believe in the Holy Spirit..."

Each member of the Trinity is distinct from the others, yet perfectly united in essence with the others so that there is only one God.

Confused? That's okay!

We are saved to the Father, through the Spirit, by the work of the Son. All three members are necessary in our salvation. You don't have to understand it completely. Anyone who says that they do is lying. But you can step back and praise God that He is bigger than our minds can imagine.

I wouldn't want a God small enough to fit in my mind, would you?

Discussion Questions

- Is it easy for you to understand the Trinity? Why or why not?
- Why do you think the Trinity is so important?
- Is it okay that we can't fully grasp the Trinity?

Important Theological Term:

Omnibenevolence: perfect and unlimited goodness.

This word means that God is good and perfect in Himself. It means that God is the very definition of what it means to be truly "good." In God, no action, thought, feeling, or motive is anything less than perfectly good. Whatever God does, thinks, feels, desires, it is always completely and perfectly good.

"Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!"
Psalm 106:1

About the Song:

This hymn was written fairly recently, 1989, yet it declares timeless truths. It reminds us of our dependence on the Triune God at all times.

Pray

Praise God for being bigger than your brain.

Sing

Wonderful Merciful Savior
Eric Wyse & Dawn Rogers

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.

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 2

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace,
You offered hope when our hearts had
Hopelessly lost the way,
Oh we'd hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus

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



FRIDAY

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Discuss

There is one word in the Apostles Creed that scares a lot of protestants: catholic. How can we say that we believe in “the holy catholic church” when we are anything BUT Catholic?!

The word “catholic” is an old Latin word that means “universal.” When the Creed says “the holy catholic church,” it means the holy church of God throughout all time, in all places, made up of all people who have been saved.

Here we can have an English lesson. In English, proper nouns are the specific names of people, places, and things. Proper nouns are always given a capital letter. For example, “His name is Bob.” Bob is a proper noun.

When we see “Catholic Church,” we know that it is speaking of the Roman Catholic Church in Vatican City with the Pope. We know this because it is capitalized. It is capitalized because it is a name.

When we read “catholic church” in the Creed, we know it means the universal church of all Gospel believers because it isn’t a name. That is why it is lowercase.

We can see with joy that Christ has united us with all of His people throughout the world and throughout time through His blood. We are one holy catholic/universal church.

Discussion Questions

- What does it mean that the church is universal?
- Why do you think it is important to remember that the church is bigger than our building?

Church History:

On May 11, 1926, JRR Tolkien and CS Lewis had the first of their “long chats.” Lewis was not yet a Christian, but Tolkien played a key role in his conversion 5 years later. Both men are incredibly intelligent and passionate about teaching through stories. They will join together with other writers to form the “Inklings,” a group of writers based out of Oxford. Together Lewis and Tolkien will write some of the greatest works of Christian fiction, *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *The Lord of the Rings*.

About the Song:

This hymn reminds the believer that the church has been given work to do by God Himself. We cannot be lazy or slothful. Our work builds upon the foundation that others laid before us, and when we are gone others will build upon the work we have done.

Pray

Thank God for building a church that is bigger than any of us can see.

Sing

Facing a Task Unfinished
Frank Houghton (1931)

FACING A TASK UNFINISHED

[Verse 1]

Facing a task unfinished
That drives us to our knees
A need that, undiminished
Rebukes our slothful ease
We, who rejoice to know Thee
Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee
To go and make Thee known

[Verse 2]

Where other lords beside Thee
Hold their unhindered sway
Where forces that defied Thee
Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying
For life, and love, and light
Unnumbered souls are dying
And pass into the night

[Refrain]

We go to all the world
With kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ, the Lord
See upcoming pop shows
Get tickets for your favorite artists

[Verse 3]

We bear the torch that flaming
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission
The same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition
To Thee we yield our powers

[Refrain]

[Verse 4]

O Father who sustained them
O Spirit who inspired
Savior, whose love constrained them
To toil with zeal untired
From cowardice defend us
From lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us
To labor for Thy sake

[Refrain] x2

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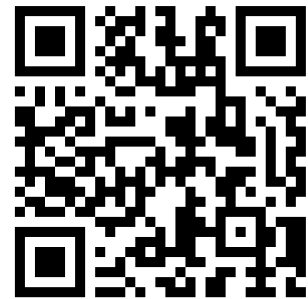
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tell them how much the Lord
has done for you, and how he
has had mercy on you."

Mark 5:19

