



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
05/12/25

Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 32: What do justification and sanctification mean?

Justification means our declared righteousness before God, made possible by Christ's death and resurrection for us. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness, made possible by the Spirit's work in us.

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 Romans 5:1-2

Discuss

When does salvation happen? Is it a past event, an ongoing process, or a future event? The answer is: yes. Sometimes Scripture talks about salvation as a past event (Ephesians 2:8-9). At other times it speaks of salvation as an ongoing, present process (1 Corinthians 1:18). And still other times it speaks of salvation as a future event we are still waiting for (Romans 13:11).

These are referring to different parts of salvation. The parts are often called: justification, sanctification, and glorification. This week we will talk about each of these.

Justification is the part of salvation that happens in the past. We often think of this as “getting saved.” To be justified means that you are declared innocent before God.

Each of us is guilty of sin. So on our own when we stand before His throne, He would declare us as a guilty person and send judgement to us. When we are justified, God removed the guilt from us and instead says that we are innocent! Rather than judgement, we receive blessing.

To be justified by God means that God sees us as pure and righteous rather than sinful. How great is that?!

Discussion Questions

- Have you ever thought about the three parts of salvation before?
- How does someone become justified? (We will answer this tomorrow)

Persecuted Church/Missions:

In a closed country in the Middle East, an underground church secretly runs a Bible press. Under the threat of persecution they produce copies of the Bible. These illegal Bibles are sent out into the hands of the faithful and the curious, leading many to faith. A local church leader given the name Omar said, “We get death threats. We face persecution constantly, but we have peace in Jesus. Every day, we don’t know if we will live or die. Our life is in God’s hands.”

About the song:

As a young man Isaac Watts was deeply saddened by the lack of love and passion in the hymns of the church. Inspired to infuse new life and vigor and love into the songs of the church, Watts made it a purpose in his life to write hymns of worship. There are around 600 different hymns that can be attributed to Isaac Watts, many still sung today.

Pray

Pray for Christians living under the threat of persecution.

Sing

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Isaac Watts (1707)

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

Verse 1:

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Verse 2:

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.

Verse 3:

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Verse 4:

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.



TUESDAY

Read Galatians 2:16

Discuss

How are we justified before God? How do we stand before God as pure, clean, and innocent?

It cannot be by works that you and I do. We have all sinned too much to work our way back to God. "For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin." (Romans 3:20)

Instead of our own works, we are saved through faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Where we are sinful, Christ is righteous. Where we are weak, Christ is strong. Where we are dirty, Christ is pure. Where we are broken, Christ is whole. Where we are imperfect, Christ is perfection.

When Jesus died on the cross, He took the guilt of our own sins and gave us the purity and innocence that He had. When we trust in Jesus Christ for the salvation from our sins, He lovingly takes our sinful rags off of us and wraps us in His own righteous robe.

Clothed in the righteousness of Christ, we stand before God justified.

Discussion Questions

- Why can't you and I earn our salvation?
- Have you ever tried to make yourself "good enough"? How did that work out?
- Is there any other way than Jesus to be justified?

Apologetics:

Eternity means that there is no beginning and no end. Some say the universe existed eternally. For the universe to exist in eternity past, we would never have gotten to "now." Think of it this way: if you had to walk forever in a straight line, when would you get to the end of the line? Never! It is impossible to reach the end of forever. Why is this important? This shows that our world had a beginning. If it had a beginning, then someone (God) needed to create it.

About the song:

There are many things that have value to us. However, even the most valuable thing we have is worthless when compared to Christ. In Christ we have been given salvation that is greater than anything we have. Christ gave us His blood, He gave us grace, there is nothing better than this!

Pray

Thank God for sending His Son to make us clean

Sing

How Rich a Treasure We Possess
Matt Boswell and Matt Papa
(2012)

HOW RICH A TREASURE WE POSSESS

[Verse 1]

How rich a treasure we possess, in Jesus Christ
our Lord
His blood our ransom and defense, His glory
our reward
The sum of all created things, is worthless in
compare
For our inheritance is Him, whose praise angels
declare

[Verse 2]

And how free and costly was the love,
displayed upon the cross
While we were dead in untold sin, the
Sovereign purchased us
The will of God the Father, demonstrated
through the Son
The Spirit seals the greatest work, the work
which Christ has done

[Verse 3]

How vast and measureless the flood of mercy
unrestrained
The penalty was paid full, the spotless Lamb
was slain
Salvation what a priceless gift received by
grace through faith
We stand in robes of righteousness, we stand
in Jesus' name (Yes we do)

[Chorus]

For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and
the glory
Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the
glory
Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the
glory
Amen



WEDNESDAY

Read Romans 6:1-11

Discuss

In justification, you and I are declared righteous before God! That's exciting! But now we have a problem. If I am righteous, why do I still sin?

Each of us still sins. If you say you don't, you just lied. The Christian life is one where we are constantly fighting sin, and instead learning to love the things that Christ loves.

In this life, we won't be sinless, but we will sin less. As we see God as beautiful, we won't be as easily fooled by the shiny sins that trick us into thinking they are beautiful.

CS Lewis describes it this way, ““It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”

When we find Christ beautiful, we put the mud pies away in order to enjoy Him completely. The whole Christian life is a process of seeing Christ as more and more Beautiful.

Discussion Questions

- Do you find Christ more beautiful than your sin?
- In what ways do you sin less now than you used to?

Greek/Hebrew/Latin Word to Know:

“Creatio ex nihilo”

“Creation out of nothing”

This Latin phrase is used to describe the way that God created the world. If you or I make something, we put pieces of other things together to create a new thing. When God made the world, He didn't have any pieces to work with. God created the world out of absolutely nothing. Everything that exists has its origin in the words of God as He spoke creation into being.

About the Song:

From the artist: “Across the Lands is a hymn originally written for the prayer book, “Operation World,” celebrating the worldwide breadth of the Christian gospel. Taking the theme of how the Christian God speaks – beginning in creation echoing John 1, then incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection and His promised return.”

Pray

Confess your sins to God and pray that you love Him more

Sing

Across the Lands
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend (2002)

ACROSS THE LANDS

[Verse 1]

You're the Word of God the Father,
From before the world began;
Every star and every planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice:
Let the skies declare Your glory,
Let the land and seas rejoice!

[Verse 2]

You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of every man;
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands.

[Verse 3]

Yet You left the gaze of angels,
Came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry,
With a word You stilled the sea.
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free.

[Verse 4]

With a shout You rose victorious,
Wresting victory from the grave,
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your wake.
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own.
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home.



THURSDAY

Read 1 Peter 1:1-2

Discuss

To be sanctified means to be made holy. Sanctification, as an ongoing process throughout our lives, is the process where we become more and more holy. You could think of it as becoming more like Christ (Romans 8:29).

But wait, if we couldn't make ourselves righteous in justification, how are we made holy in sanctification? In justification we needed the work of the Son to make us righteous. In sanctification we need the work of the Spirit to make us holy.

As the Spirit enters into our lives at the moment of justification, He begins to examine our hearts, searching us. He softens our heart to sin and gives us a conscience that is more hurt when we do sin. As He searches our hearts and reveals hidden sins, He leads us to repent from them (1 Corinthians 2:6-16).

The Spirit doesn't just help us get rid of sin. He also helps us think, speak, and act righteously. The Spirit works in us to turn from sin and instead grow in the fruits of the Spirit. It is the Spirit working in us that produces "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." (Galatians 5:22-23)

Discussion Questions

- Why do we need the Spirit in sanctification?
- How have you grown in holiness?
- What ways do you still need to become more like Christ?

Important Theological Term:

Atonement: to make amends, restore

Atonement is the work of God reconciling sinners to Himself. In our sin, we were all far from God and sinned against Him. On the cross Jesus atoned for our sins by paying the debt, taking the punishment, and uniting us to the Father. If Christ did not fully atone for our sins, then we would still be under the judgment of God.

"how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God." Hebrews 9:14

About the Song:

This modern song reminds us that it is God who causes us to love Him more. It sings much like a prayer desiring to love God more and more.

Pray

Thank God for giving us the Spirit who sanctifies us.

Sing

Take My Heart with Alter Fire
Advent Birmingham (2021)

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.

Verse 2:

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 3:

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)

Verse 4:

Fire of God, consume my heart;
And burn it down to only faith,
Til all that's left of me is only you.
Christ my glory, Christ my praise.

(Chorus)



FRIDAY

Read Philippians 3:20-21

Discuss

The process of sanctification doesn't end this side of eternity. For the rest of your life, you will be working through the power of the Spirit to sin less each day.

But there is a coming day when we will be completely holy. When we will no longer need to work to be more like Christ, but will actually be like Him. This is called glorification.

Justification is freedom from the penalty of sin. Sanctification is freedom from the power of sin. Glorification is the coming day when we are freed from even the presence of sin!

When we are with Christ in heaven, sin will be no more. Not only will you and I live perfect lives, but even the effects of sin will be removed. No more sickness, no more pain, no more death. When Jesus returns, He will reverse the curse of Genesis 3!

This life can be really hard. Especially when we keep sinning even though we don't want to. Sometimes we can wonder why we even try. You aren't alone in this, Paul felt the same way in Romans 7. But we can be encouraged knowing that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Someday, we won't have to fight against sin anymore. Someday we will be able to rest from our labors and war with sin. Until then, fight the good fight (1 Timothy 6:12).

Discussion Questions

- How is the promise of glorification encouraging to you?
- In what ways will life be different when the effects of the fall are gone?

Church History:

On May 16, 1819, Henry Nott baptized King Pomare II of Tahiti. King Pomare II is the first Christian king of this small island nation. In a short period of time he will work to act on His Christian faith. Under his leadership, the nation will forbid cruel murders and punishment. His conversion ushers in a period of peace never before seen in the island as the Gospel spreads throughout it. Many people will come to faith under his rule.

About the Song:

This hymn reminds us that justification, sanctification, and glorification are all a work of God. Through it we remember that we can trust in Christ to hold us fast forever, He won't let us go. The tune may be a bit foreign to us, but it is filled with joy and happiness in knowing Christ.

Pray

Thank God for His promise of glorification.

Sing

*I Know Whom I Have
Believed*
Daniel Whittle (1883)

I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED

Verse 1:

I know not why God's wondrous grace
to me is daily shown,
nor why, with mercy, Christ in love
redeemed me for his own.

Refrain:

But "I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day."

Verse 2:

I know not how this saving faith
to me he did impart,
nor how believing in his word
wrought peace within my heart.

[Refrain]

Verse 3:

I know not how the Spirit moves,
convincing us of sin,
revealing Jesus through the Word,
creating faith in him.

[Refrain]

Verse 4:

I know not when my Lord may come,
at night or noon-day fair,
nor if I'll walk the vale with him,
or meet him in the air.

[Refrain]





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"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

