



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
05/19/25

Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 33: Should those who have faith in Christ seek their salvation through their own works, or anywhere else?

No, they should not, as everything necessary to salvation is found in Christ. To seek salvation through good works is a denial that Christ is the only Redeemer and Savior.

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 Galatians 2:16

Discuss

Most things in life are somewhat dependent on how hard I work. If I practiced long enough, my abilities on the piano would be greater. If I trained hard enough in basketball, I would make more shots. If I studied long enough, I would do better on my exams. In short, for most things that I do, my effort makes a HUGE difference.

Our salvation is NOT like this! You can work harder than anyone. You can dedicate your entire life to righteous living. You can work and work and work and work and work... but you will never work hard enough or be good enough for salvation.

In church we have been talking a lot about Noah. God told Noah to build a big ark to save his family and all the animals. Through the ark, God saved everything that lives! But what would have happened if God chose NOT to warn Noah about the flood?

Noah would have drowned in the flood. And everything with him. The only way for Noah to be saved was for God to warn Him. God is the One who warned Noah. God is the One who brought the animals to Noah. God is even the One who held up the ark to float on the waves. Noah's work didn't save him from the flood, only the grace of God did.

Discussion Questions

- Do you try to work your way to salvation? Why does that work or not work?
- What does it mean that we are saved by grace?

Persecuted Church/Missions:

Morocco is a country in the far west of Africa that almost touches Spain. Morocco is 99% Muslim. Only 0.1% of the population (about 31,000) are Christian. While the government does not officially punish converts to Christianity they are still often arrested and under surveillance. Communities and families will often persecute Christians in many ways, sometimes violently. Despite this Aizah from Morocco says, "God is faithful. When we fail, He takes care. I sometimes feel inadequate to do the work, but God is faithful. He helps, He changes lives."

About the song:

This hymn is a dear one to many Christians. It brings us back to the cross and reminds us of our need for a Savior. This hymn calls on us to remember the suffering of Christ, His humility, and how it was the work of Christ (not our own work) that saved us! When we were sinking down, He didn't teach us how to swim, but saved us Himself.

Pray

Pray that you would trust in the work of Christ, not yourself.

Sing

What Wonderful Love is This
Anonymous (1810s)

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

Verse 1:

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

Verse 2:

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, O my soul!
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

Verse 3:

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.



TUESDAY

Read John 3:9-21; Acts 13:38-39

Discuss

The world tries to tell us that there are many ways to be saved. I shared the Gospel with one man recently who told me, “If that works for you, that’s great. But your truth won’t get me to the same place so I need to find my own way.”

Sadly, a lot of people have this view. A lot of people think that they can take their own path to God and be saved. Peter, when he was first preaching the Gospel declared, “there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12).

Everything needed for salvation is in Jesus Christ. Everything needed for salvation is **ONLY** in Jesus. Jesus is simply one of many ways to salvation, He is **THE** way to salvation.

I have often written we are not saved by works. Let me correct that. We **ARE** saved by works, just not our own works! Only the works of Jesus Christ save us. Our own effort always fail. At the end of the day we cannot add to the salvation given by God. Jesus is the means and end of salvation. He is the whole thing. There is nothing that you can ever add to make Him or His work more perfect or complete.

Discussion Questions

- List the ways that you can add to your salvation.
- Why were there no ways that you can add to your salvation?
- What does it mean that the work of Jesus was perfect and complete?

Apologetics:

“Why do bad things happen to good people?” While this is a common question, it has a BIG assumption. It assumes that there are good people! Because everyone is sinful, the real question should be, “Why do good things happen to sinful people?” The answer to both is that creation exists for God’s glory. God made the world to show who He is. When bad things happen, God shows His justice. When good things happen, God shows His mercy.

About the song:

From the artist: For “Christ Be All,” we are connecting with the historic and renowned words of Andrew Murray in his book *Humility*, as we seek to have the worshiper understand through song that it is to our joy to “become nothing” (Phil 2:7) as Jesus did, to lose our lives so we can find them in Him.

Pray

Thank God for all the wonderful things He has done for you

Sing

Christ Be All
Grace Worship (2020)

CHRIST BE ALL

[Verse 1]

Oh to be, empty and lowly
Meek and unnoticed, and unknown
And to God, a vessel holy
Filled with Christ, and Christ alone

[Verse 2]

How great is God! His grandeur endless
How frail I come, before His throne
I am lost, in love relentless
That Christ be all, and I His own

[Chorus]

May Christ be all, and I be nothing
His glory shines in vessels weak
May Christ be all, and I be nothing
This is my hope: Not I, but Christ in me
This is my hope: Not I, but Christ in me

[Verse 3]

I am poor, and I have nothing
All my deeds cannot avail
But Christ endured the Father's crushing
He bowed His head, as Mercy bled, peace to prevail
He bowed His head, as Mercy bled, peace to prevail

[Chorus]

[Bridge]

Bring me low, my heart lower still
That Your grace my pride relieves
May these words resound loud until
Every tribe and tongue believes
Bring me low, my heart lower still
That Your grace my pride relieves
May these words resound loud until
Every tribe and tongue can sing

[Chorus]

[Verse 4]

On golden shores of sure salvation
I will run to meet my King
Freed from shame and all accusation
He'll give Himself, nothing I'll bring
He'll give Himself, nothing I'll bring



WEDNESDAY

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Matthew 6:30

Discuss

Sometimes my teachers assign a group project. In these projects all of the group members contribute something. Usually before we turn it in we will review and edit what the others did, not because they did it “bad,” but because we see things that they may have missed.

When we try to add our own works to salvation, we turn salvation into a group project. In our hearts we are saying, “Jesus, I’m not sure that you did a good enough job, can I take a look at that?”

We think that we can make Jesus’ work better than it already is!

What are we believing in our hearts when we we try to add to our salvation? We are believing that Christ wasn’t strong enough, perfect enough, or good enough to truly and actually save us. In one way or another, we believe that Christ needs our help to save us.

Salvation through Christ is all or nothing. Either Jesus did ALL the work for salvation, or He simply is not the way to salvation. There is no other option. He either truly and completely saves, or He is no Savior at all. Either we trust Christ completely, or we don’t trust Him at all. Jesus doesn’t demand just part of us, He demands all of us.

Discussion Questions

- Why is trying to add to my salvation wrong?
- How is Jesus the perfect Savior?
- Is salvation a group project with God?

Greek/Hebrew/Latin Word to Know:

“שלום”

“Shalom”

“Peace”

When we think of peace, we usually think the absence of conflict. Shalom carries a deeper meaning. In the Bible, Shalom means wholeness, well-being, fullness. It has the idea of restoration and to make something good. To have Shalom with God is to be brought into a restored and good relationship where there was once a broken one.

About the Song:

This hymn is a hope filled reminder that we are only saved through the blood of Christ. Through the cross of Christ we are saved completely and totally. We are able to trust in Christ’s work on the cross, sing of it, rejoice in it, because there is nothing lacking. He won, and He won completely.

Pray

Pray for a heart that depends solely on Christ.

Sing

Hallelujah for the Cross
Ross King and Todd Wright
(2012)

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!
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 2

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!
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 3

And when I've breathed 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

This video gives
explains why
Shalom is so
important to
understand as a
Christian



THURSDAY

Read Proverbs 3:1-8, 16:9

Discuss

In all our ways we are to trust God!

There is really very little else to the matter. In all things, we trust the Lord. There is a popular saying in some churches where one speaker will call out, “Won’t He do it?” and everyone else responds saying, “Yes He will!” This call and response reminds us that we can trust God. That if God has said He will do something, we can trust Him to finish it.

“And in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;” (Colossians 2:10, NASB).

If you are in Christ, your salvation is completed through Him! If we continue to live and act in a way that shows we are trying to still earn our salvation, then we are essentially denying the work of Christ. If we have to earn part of our salvation, then that would mean Jesus is not the ONLY Savior, but one of many.

“But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” (2 Corinthians 12:9). Our weaknesses and inability actually **MAGNIFY** the work of Christ! Now **THAT** is amazing.

Discussion Questions

- How does our inability to save ourselves actually make Christ greater?
- How is trying to save ourselves a denial of Christ?

Important Theological Term:

Grace: Undeserved/unmerited favor

Grace is a word that we use a lot. Grace is receiving blessings and good gifts from God that we do not deserve. The extent of grace is only seen when we see how truly awful we are. In light of our sin, seeing how little we deserve, God’s grace becomes truly amazing.

“and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,”
Romans 3:24

About the Song:

John Newton was a slave trader for much of his life. He made his fortune buying and selling human beings. In the midst of his sin, God led him to faith through a Christian friend. Struck by the depth of his sin when held up to God’s grace, Newton wrote this famous hymn “Amazing Grace.”

Pray

Praise God for gift of His
Son and His amazing
grace

Sing

Amazing Grace
John Newton (1779)

AMAZING GRACE

Verse 1

Amazing Grace
How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost,
But now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught
My heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious
Did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Verse 3

Through many dangers,
Toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought
Me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

Verse 4

The Lord has promised
Good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield
And Portion be,
As long as life endures.

Verse 5

Yea, when this flesh
And heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess,
Within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

Verse 6

The earth shall soon
Dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, Who called me
Here below,
Will be forever mine.

Verse 7

When we've been there
Ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days
To sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.



FRIDAY

Read John 14:1-12

Discuss

Only Jesus can bring us to the Father. It is through Christ alone that we are saved. He alone is enough to save us and bring us safely to the Father.

If you have the time, read Genesis 11:1-9. The people who built the tower of Babel were trying to make a name for themselves. They were trying to make it so at least their memory would be preserved for all generations.

How did that work out for them?

The builders of the tower of Babel are remembered, not for being able to save themselves, but for showing us how even the greatest men are helpless without God.

Jesus Christ is both God and man. As man, He was able to truly stand in our place as a substitute for us. He was able to be a sacrifice for us because He is like us. As God Jesus was perfect, not only able to take our place, but fully pay for all of our sins.

We could never pay for our sins, because our sins are too great! We have too much of a debt. We need God Himself to help us and atone for our sins. He did just that in the person of Jesus of Christ.

We trust in Christ, because Christ alone was enough. There is no one else able to save us.

Discussion Questions

- Why do we often try to save ourselves instead of trusting Christ?
- Why is only Christ able to save us?

Church History:

On May 23, 1663, Samuel de Champlain was placed as the new governor of Quebec. A Catholic, he replaced the previous governor Emery de Caen who was a Huguenot (protestant). Samuel will place many restrictions on the protestant population in the region, notably barring all new protestant settlement in New France. The persecution of the Gospel spread to the New World, but could not defeat it.

About the Song:

From the author: As people in the pew sing "In Christ Alone," we pray they understand the many attributes of God. His sovereign power, grace, love, justice and wrath all are intertwined. And we shouldn't turn away from exploring his wrath, because through understanding God's righteous anger toward sin, we understand his desire for justice and peace.

Pray

Thank God for His promise of glorification.

Sing

In Christ Alone
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend (2001)

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.





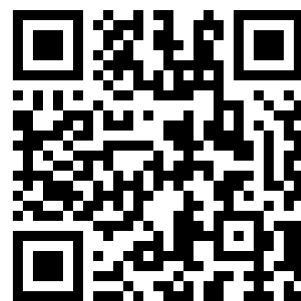
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"Go home to your friends and
tell them how much the Lord
has done for you, and how he
has had mercy on you."

Mark 5:19

