



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
05/26/25

Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 34: Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God's Word?

Yes, because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Spirit; so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; so that we may be assured of our faith by the fruits; and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.

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 1:3-10

Discuss

I am a student. I have been a student for what feels like a very very very long time. Like most students, I received a lot of loans to help with school. Now, as I look at graduation in the not-so-distant future, I also have to deal with the coming loan payments that I will wrestle with for many years.

Can you imagine my relief if someone would offer to pay my loans for me? It is a debt that I owe and am responsible for, but I would weep with joy if a person stepped forward to pay them for me.

Our debt to God is FAR greater than any student loan that I have! Our debt could never be paid. The record of sins against us was overwhelming and all consuming. We could strive to pay the debt for all eternity and never be any closer to paying it down.

Jesus Christ saw our debt. He saw the sins that we had committed against God. He saw the debt that we owed. Seeing all of that, Christ willingly chose to pay our debt.

He took our place, suffering as we deserved. He hung on the cross where we should have been. There He fully paid for all of our sins. Our debt was paid and our souls were redeemed through the work of Christ for us.

Discussion Questions

- How big of a debt do we owe to God?
- What are ways (sins) that you have made that debt larger?
- How did Jesus pay our debt?

Persecuted Church/Missions:

From Voice of the Martyrs: Israel: Christian converts from Islam in the West Bank and Gaza face violence at the hands of their family members and local governments, which are run by the Palestinian authorities. Christians in Israel proper often experience family rejection, low social standing and limited hope of job advancement. Jewish anti-missionary groups, especially Yad L'Achim, sometimes protest outside churches, cursing Christians and vandalizing their buildings. The anti-missionary activities have at times included violence against Christians.

About the song:

Fanny Crosby lost her sight at only 6 weeks old. Despite this challenge, her faith was deeper than most. This deep faith coupled with a remarkable education led her to be one of the most prolific and beloved hymn writers in American history. Her hymns draw us back to God in gratitude and dependence.

Pray

Thank God for cancelling
the debt against us

Sing

*Redeemed How I Love to
Proclaim It*
Fanny Crosby (1882)

REDEEMED HOW I LOVE TO PROCLAIM IT

Verse 1:

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,
His child, and forever, I am.

Refrain:

Redeemed, redeemed,
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
His child, and forever, I am.

Verse 2:

I think of my blessed Redeemer,
I think of Him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent;
His love is the theme of my song.

[Refrain]

Verse 3:

I know I shall see in His beauty
The King in whose law I delight,
Who lovingly guardeth my footsteps,
And giveth me songs in the night.

[Refrain]



TUESDAY

Read Titus 3:4-7

Discuss

When I was a kid, my mom was constantly working to get out stains from my clothes. Be it grass, mustard, dirt, oil, ketchup, or any combination of those and more. She tried her best, but if truth be told I think a lot of those clothes became designated “outside” clothes. Good thing we lived on a farm and needed clothes for the barn!

We are like the those stained clothes. Every sort of grime was so blended into us that it became all that we were.

The Holy Spirit changes that. He renews and restores us. He makes it so that we are no longer a stained rag, but purified and clean with all the spots and blemishes removed.

Man was made to reflect and display the image of God. Sin breaks that image. In our sins we are a smudged, dirty, shattered mirror, unable to reflect God’s image properly.

Sanctification is the work of the Spirit to renew and restore our ability to reflect God’s image. He patiently works within us to remove the dirt, grime, smudges and stains so that more and more we display the true image of God again.

Discussion Questions

- What does this work of the Spirit actually look like in a Christian?
- How have you seen the Spirit renewing you?
- What are some ways the Spirit works to renew us immediately at salvation, compared to later on?

Apologetics:

“Who created God?” Some people think that because the world needed to be created in order to exist, God also needed to be created to exist. The reality though is that you always come back to the fact that at the very beginning there must exist “an uncaused cause.” Something or someone needed to exist. That didn’t have anyone to cause it to be. God is the uncaused cause. He is the cause and source of all things without having a source Himself.

About the song:

"As beautifully as He hung the stars in space, He has faithfully been our strong fortress in every storm. We can trust His unchanging character because He has perfectly revealed himself to us in the cross, and powerfully defeated even death itself. The Eternal King is a God of love, leading His people into everlasting life." (Aaron Keyes)

Pray

Praise God for the work of the Spirit renewing you

Sing

God the Uncreated One
Aaron Keys and Pete James
(2016)

GOD THE UNCREATED ONE

VERSE 1

God, the uncreated one
The author of salvation
Wrote the laws of space and time
And fashioned worlds to his design
The one whom angel hosts revere
Hung the stars like chandeliers
Numbered every grain of sand
Knows the heart of every man
He is king forever
He is king forever
He is king forevermore

VERSE 2

God, our fortress and our strength
The rock on which we can depend
Matchless in his majesty
His power and authority
Unshaken by the schemes of man
Never-changing, Great I Am
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall
He is faithful through it all
Crown him king forever
Crown him king forever
Crown him king forevermore

VERSE 3

Mighty God in mortal flesh
Forsaken by a traitor's kiss
The curse of sin and centuries
Did pierce the lowly prince of peace
Lifted high, the sinless man
Crucified, the spotless lamb
Buried by the sons of man
Rescued by the father's hand
To reign as king forever
Reign as king forever
Reign as king forevermore

VERSE 4

King eternal, God of grace
We crown you with the highest praise
Heaven shouts and saints adore
You're holy, holy, holy, Lord
What joy in everlasting life
All is love and faith is sight
Justice rolls and praises rise
At the name of Jesus Christ
King of kings forever
King of kings forever
King of kings forevermore



WEDNESDAY

Read Romans 12:1-7

Discuss

Take a moment to consider what we have discussed the past two days. Review those days if necessary.

God has done so much for us. By the death of the Son we were redeemed from our sins, having the debt that stood against us cancelled completely. By the work of the Spirit we have been renewed, given the ability to fulfill our purpose as image bearers.

So how do we respond? Do we keep doing the same things we did before salvation knowing that we have been saved?

NO! Our lives must change. How could we possibly stay the same?

Have you ever been given a big gift from someone? Something that touches your heart so that you are overwhelmed with gratitude and just want to do something to bless that person? That should be our response to the grace of God given to us.

Because of what God did for us, the grace and mercy He displayed, we should be motivated by thankfulness and gratitude to live according to the way He says is best.

We don't live holy lives because we are forced to. We live holy lives because we are overwhelmed with gratitude to God.

Discussion Questions

- Are you filled with gratitude for God?
- Have you thought about holy living like this before?

Greek/Hebrew/Latin Word to Know:

“λόγος” “Logos”

“Word, utterance”

In John 1, Jesus is called the Word (λόγος). Logos most often simply refers to language or words, but John gives it as a name/title for Jesus. John demonstrates that Christ is the full revelation of God to man. In other parts of Scripture (Acts 4:31), “logos” is used to refer to the Gospel message. Jesus as the Word is the Good News of salvation. The salvation offered in the Gospel, is revealed in Christ Himself.

About the Song:

Life is hard. Sometimes it is really hard. Sometimes it is overwhelming. Our song today reminds us that in every season of life, no matter how difficult, we can come to Jesus and find rest. His goodness is our rest and satisfaction at all times. Because we trust in His goodness we can sing, “May it be, come what may.”

Pray

Thank God for the immeasurable grace that you have received

Sing

The Goodness of Jesus
CityAlight (2018)

THE GOODNESS OF JESUS

Verse 1

Come you weary heart now to Jesus
Come you anxious soul now and see
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears
Rest here in His wondrous peace

Chorus

Oh the Goodness, the Goodness of Jesus
Satisfied he is all that I need
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the Goodness of Jesus

Verse 2

Come find what this world cannot offer
Come and find your joy here complete
Taste the living water, never thirst again
Rest here in His wondrous peace

Chorus

Verse 3

Come and find your hope now in Jesus
He is all he said he would be
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart
Rest here in His wondrous peace

Chorus x2

Tag

May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the Goodness of Jesus



THURSDAY

Read Matthew 7:19-20

Discuss

If you step into my office on Sunday, you will find ten different plants. If you visit my apartment, you will find about 80 plants. As you can tell, I really enjoy plants, and with that I like using them as illustrations.

If you go to a store you can buy a bag of mixed flower seeds. These have all kinds of lovely flowers mixed together. Unless you are SUPER smart, you won't be able to tell what any of the seeds are until they grow and start to bloom. The flower tells us what kind of seed it was that you planted.

Our lives are a similar way. Think of your actions as flowers and fruit. The words you say, the things you do, the thoughts you think, these help to show you what kind of seed was planted in you. A good seed or a bad seed.

When we are saved, God gives us a new heart (Hebrews 8:10). With this new heart, we start to produce different fruit! We produce fruit of the Spirit that shows Him living in and through us. We may not be perfect, but little by little our lives will show evidence that we have been saved. Our good works and actions and fruit don't save us, they simply give evidence that the Spirit is really working in us and changing us. We take comfort when we see our changed lives because it reminds us that we have been saved by Christ.

Discussion Questions

- Do you see the Spirit at work in your life?
- What does the "fruit" of your life look like?

Important Theological Term:

Covenant: a promise between two or more to accomplish a task

God gave many covenants to His people. These were promises that if His people obeyed Him, He would give them blessings. But His people had a heart that couldn't obey completely. God gives us a New Covenant in Christ and promises to give His people new hearts to truly obey Him.

"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people." Jeremiah 31:33

About the Song:

This hymn written in 1875 is tied to a tune from the 4th century. This blend reminds us that the church of all ages is united by the love of Jesus. His love is immeasurable and is the only reason we are saved. Praise His name!

Pray

Pray that the Spirit would continue to work in you and change you.

Sing

O The Deep Deep Love of Jesus

Samuel Trevor Francis (1875)

O THE DEEP DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

Verse 1

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free—
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me
Is the current of His love—
Leading onward, leading homeward
To His glorious rest above.

Verse 2

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
Praise His mercy, praise His goodness;
Praise His love forevermore.
How He watcheth o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from His throne.

Verse 3

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
Love of ev'ry love the best—
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing;
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
Lifts me up eternally.



FRIDAY

Read Matthew 5:13-16; Ephesians 4:17-32

Discuss

One time I heard of a man say, “I like the Jesus I read about, and I like what He had to say, but I really don’t like Christians.”

Sometimes Christians have been known more for our sins than for our Savior. If we bear the name of Christ, then we should look like Him in how we live.

When we are saved, our old selves die. Dead. Gone. Buried. Instead of living in the old dead self we once were, we begin to live in a new way in the new life that Christ gave us.

A “lying Christian” doesn’t make sense. A “stealing Christian” also doesn’t make sense. While we may at times sin, our lives should be marked by righteous living (honesty, generosity) and quick repentance when we do sin.

Our lives should demonstrate that Christ really has saved us and really has changed us! Just like our fruits give us confidence in our own salvation, they also show others that the Gospel really does transform lives.

You always need to use words when you share the Gospel. You can’t expect people to believe a Gospel they have never heard. But our lives should match the Gospel that we say that we believe. If we say we are becoming like Christ, then our lives need to show that to be true. Others will judge our Savior by those who claim to be saved.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it important for our lives to match the Gospel?
- What purpose does holy living have in evangelism?

Church History:

On May 29, 1779, Samuel Stillman stood before the General Court of Massachusetts and preached his sermon titled “The Duty of Magistrates.” A Baptist minister, he defended the separation of church and state, boldly declaring that governments cannot enforce religion upon anyone. He will call for a bill of rights and also be a leader in the early abolition movement in America.

About the Song:

This hymn marvels in the mercy that was given to us upon the cross. We are brought to remember the depths of our sin, and with the depths of our sin the immensity of mercy that was poured out for us. We are reminded of the joy Christians have to look to Christ who lovingly embraces us, having cleansed us by His blood of all iniquity.

Pray

Pray that others would see Christ in you

Sing

Depth of Mercy
Charles Wesley (1740)

DEPTH OF MERCY

Verse 1:

Depth of mercy! Can there be
mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God His wrath forbear?
me, the chief of sinners, spare?

Verse 2:

I have long withstood His grace,
long provoked Him to His face;
would not hearken to His calls,
grieved Him by a thousand falls.

Verse 3:

I my Master have denied;
I afresh have crucified,
oft profaned His hallowed name,
put Him to an open shame.

Verse 4:

There for me the Savior stands,
shows His wounds and spreads His hands.
God is love! I know, I feel;
Jesus weeps, but loves me still!

Verse 5:

Now incline me to repent,
let me now my fall lament;
now my foul revolt deplore!
weep, believe, and sin no more.





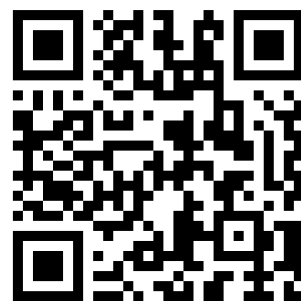
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plan to bring His order into your
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"Go home to your friends and
tell them how much the Lord
has done for you, and how he
has had mercy on you."

Mark 5:19

