



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
06/02/25

Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 35: Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from?

All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit, including faith itself.

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 James 1:16-18

Discuss

As a child (and still today) I loved Christmas. I would wake up earlier than anyone else in the family to go and sit in the living room and look at the tree all lit up in the dark. When I was little, I would look at my gifts and try to guess what was in them.

Looking at those gifts, I knew that someone had given them to me. Whether it was my parents or Santa Clause, I knew that someone very kind and generous had wrapped them nicely and placed them under the tree just for me.

Every good thing that you and I have has been given to us by someone else. God, in His overwhelming mercy and grace has given us every good thing that we are able to enjoy.

The rain that makes the plants grow? God gave that. The sun that warms your face? God gave that. The family you love and who loves you? God gave that. Every good thing in our life was given to us by God. We don't deserve anything good, so when we have good things, we should give Him thanks from our hearts.

What is the greatest gift that we could receive? Salvation. Salvation is the greatest gift we could ever receive, and that is given only by and through God Himself.

Discussion Questions

- What are some of the ways God has given good gifts to you? Make a list and think outside the box!
- Do we deserve to receive any good gifts? Why or why not?

Persecuted Church/Missions:

Bhutan is a small isolated country between India and China. The state religion is Tibetan Buddhism and about 75-80% of the population observes Buddhism. There are few foreign missionaries in the country. Converts to Christianity face intense persecution from their families, communities, society, and even the government. Because the state religion is Buddhism, every Christian gathering is an illegal action. There are no official churches within the country. Believers gather in small household gatherings, risking arrest every time they join in worship of God.

About the song:

This modern hymn reminds us of the true treasure we have in Christ our Lord. We are brought to remember that although the gift of salvation is free for us, it was bought by the blood of Jesus. The hymn brings us to our knees as we rejoice in the salvation that we never deserved but freely received.

Pray

Thank God for the many good gifts He has given

Sing

How Rich a Treasure We Possess
Matt Boswell and Matt Papa
(2010)

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

[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

[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 x2]



TUESDAY

Read Ephesians 1:3-14

Discuss

Hope is a big deal for Christians. When we are sad, we remind ourselves of the hope we have in Christ. When life is hard, we are told to look to Jesus for hope. When we approach the end of life, we look forward with hope to the promises of Christ.

But what is this hope and where is it found? Our hope is the promise of eternal life, as beloved children of God, in the everlasting joyful presence of our heavenly Father. It is the hope of a coming day when there will be no pain or tears or fear, when we will no longer have any sins to confess, when we stand perfectly pure and clean in the presence of God.

This hope is only found in Jesus Christ. Jesus went to the cross to die for our sins in our place. There He bore the wrath of God and penalty of our sins so that we could be made clean and receive forgiveness of sin.

Through faith in Christ alone, we are adopted as children of God and given an everlasting inheritance. In Christ we have an eternal hope. We don't just hope for things in life, we have a hope in promises of God that will last for all eternity, because of the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Discussion Questions

- Describe Christian hope. What are we hoping in?
- Are these promises found only in Christ, or can I look somewhere else for them?
- If Christians have this hope, what does the unbeliever have?

Apologetics:

Epistemology is the study of understanding what is "true." Christians understand that God is the source of all truth. Our senses and minds are broken and sometimes trick us (what if I am dreaming, or misheard, or didn't see clearly?) God gave us His Word so that we have a standard of truth as true as He is. His Word is the most true thing we have and the only tool given for rightly understanding the world around us and how to live in it.

About the song:

This song brings us to the foot of the cross. As we sing these words to a contemporary tune, we are reminded that the only glory we have is in Christ and the blood He shed. We cry out with the saints of all ages that our own efforts are worthless compared to the glory of Christ on the cross. His shame is our glory and crown.

Pray

praise God for saving you
only in Jesus

Sing

In the Cross Alone I Glory
Brian Petak (2005)

IN THE CROSS ALONE I GLORY

Verse 1:

In the cross alone I glory
Recognition laying down
Greatest treasures count as worthless
Standing next to Heaven's crowns
Standing next to Heaven's crowns

Chorus:

In the cross alone I glory
Nothing of my own to give
Only that which Christ has offered
For my soul that I may live
For my soul that I may live

Verse 2:

In the cross alone I glory
Ever reaching for the prize
Pressing on and laying hold of
That for which my savior died
That for which my savior died

(Chorus)

Verse 3:

In the cross alone I glory
Holding fast the word of life
Toiling not in vain but being
Poured out as a sacrifice
Poured out as a sacrifice

Verse 4:

Never will I seek the glory
That was never meant for me
Always heavenward reflecting
All to Jesus to receive
All to Jesus to receive

(Chorus)



WEDNESDAY

Read Titus 3:4-6

Discuss

In Jesus Christ there are many promises that give hope. So how do they become promises and gifts that are actually given to us? Through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Have you ever spilled something that no matter how much you wipe and wipe and wipe, it seems like you are only making it worse? That is us trying to clean ourselves with Christ. We only make the problem worse than it already is.

The Holy Spirit is the One who comes and makes us clean. He is the One who gives us a new heart, who gives us new desires, and gives us the ability to live how we are supposed to.

When we were dead in our sins, submerged in their grime and nastiness, the Spirit was poured into us. It was the Spirit working in us that gives us life and a desire for God. Without the Spirit, you and I wouldn't even know our need for God, much less want Him.

The Spirit came to us before we wanted Him. He cleansed us even though we didn't deserve it. He gave us life even though we deserved death.

Salvation is a free gift. It was given to us before we asked for it. It was given before we knew we needed it. The Spirit gave us life, and made us see our need for life. Our salvation is the work of the Spirit in us, not a result of anything we did.

Discussion Questions

- What does it look like for the Spirit to make us alive?
- What does it mean that the Spirit saved us before we wanted salvation?

Greek/Hebrew/Latin Word to Know:

“Hoshi-ana/Hosanna” “הושענא”
“Save/deliver us”

When Jesus entered Jerusalem the crowds cried “Hosanna Son of David!” We often think this is a funny way of saying “hallelujah” or another praise. But “hosanna” is actually a cry for salvation. When the people saw Jesus, they recognized Him as a messiah. They cried out to Him “Save us Son of David.” Jesus didn't save them from the Romans, but He did bring a salvation far greater than the one they asked for.

About the Song:

We do not know who wrote this hymn. We don't even know when it was written, although it begins to appear in hymnals in 1912. What we do know is that it is based on Psalm 51. This is a hymn of repentance. It calls on God to restore the sinner. Pleading with God, the singer confesses that salvation only comes through the work of God.

Pray

Plead with God to rescue
the souls of those you
know

Sing

God Be Merciful to Me
Unknown (1912?)

GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME

Verse 1:

God, be merciful to me;
On thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion thou,
Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within;
Cleanse, oh, cleanse me from my sin.

Verse 2:

My transgressions I confess;
Grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace
And provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just;
Speechless, I thy mercy trust.

Verse 3:

I am wretched, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within;
Thou alone my Savior art;
Teach thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.

Verse 4:

Broken, humbled to the dust,
By thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice
And in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins, O hide thy face;
Blot them out in boundless grace.

Verse 5:

Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true
Cast me not away from thee,
Let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart;
Steadfast make my willing heart.

Verse 6:

Sinners then shall learn from me
And return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord.

Verse 7:

Not the formal sacrifice
Hath acceptance in thine eyes;
Broken hearts are in thy sight,
More than sacrificial rite;
Contrite spirit, pleading cries,
Thou, O God, will not despise.

Verse 8:

Prosper Zion in thy grace
And her broken walls replace;
Then our righteous sacrifice
Shall delight thy holy eyes;
Free-will offerings, gladly made,
On thy altar shall be made.



THURSDAY

Read Ephesians 2:8-9; Ezekiel 37:1-14

Discuss

Have you ever seen something dead on the side of the road? Sometimes that is really nasty! As soon as you see it you know, that thing is dead. Now imagine that it has been there for 2 weeks. It is as dead as dead can be. Can that dead thing become alive again? Could that animal pick itself up and run away? The only possible way would be for a supernatural force to bring it back to life. A dead thing does not desire life, cannot make itself alive, and left on its own will only continue to rot.

This is how we are without Christ. Without Christ we are dead in our sins. And being dead, we can't come crawling back Jesus in faith because, well, we can't crawl. We cannot make ourselves have faith just like a dead animal cannot drag itself to a veterinarian.

If we have faith, it is because that was a gift that was given to us by God. He saw us dead in our sin and He gave us life.

Left on our own we couldn't see our sin. We couldn't see our need for God. Born as enemies of God in sin, He chose to bring us into peace with Himself. God saw our need for Him when we could not, He loved us before we loved Him, and He gave us the faith and life to be able to come to Him. We have faith simply because He has loved us enough to give us the gift of faith.

Discussion Questions

- How does this change how we pray?
- Does faith being a gift make you grateful to God? Why or why not?

Important Theological Term:

Anthropology: the study of man.

Anthropology from a biblical perspective is trying to understand who man is as defined by God in the Bible. The Bible tells us a lot about man. Man is made in the image of God. Man is body and soul. Man is an eternal creature. These truths affect how we interact with one another. Because the Bible tells us all men are made in the image of God, we respect and care for all people seeing them as image bearers. What the Bible tells us about man shapes how we live.

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” Genesis 1:27

About the Song:

This hymn reminds us of the assurance that we have in Jesus. If we are His, nothing can remove us from His hand. He bought us with His blood, taking the wrath that we deserved, so that we could be His people forever and ever.

Pray

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

Sing

His Forever
James Small (1863)

HIS FOREVER

VERSE 1

Jesus, friend of sinners
Loved me 'ere I knew Him
Drew me with His cords of love
Tightly bound me to Him
'Round my heart still closely twined
The ties that none can sever
For I am His and He is mine
Forever and forever

VERSE 2

Jesus, friend of sinners
A crown of thorns You wore for me
Bruised for my transgressions
Pierced for my iniquities
The wrath of God that I deserved
Was poured out on the Innocent
He took my place, my soul to save
Now I am His forever

VERSE 3

Jesus, friend of sinners
I love to tell the story
Redeeming love has been my theme
And will be when in glory
Not death nor life nor anything
Can ever separate me
O love that will not let me go
Yes, I am His forever



FRIDAY

Read John 6:41-48, 6:65

Discuss

I have changed my mind so many times in my life. When I was younger purple was my favorite color, now it is green. I used to dislike tea, and now I love tea. I used to love running, now I don't. In most of these, the changes simply showed me growing and adapting in time (maybe I should have kept running though).

This is scary if we think about it. Because if I had the responsibility of choosing God, then the history of my life would show that I would probably change my mind. Let me say it this way: if I chose God, then I could and probably would un-choose God.

I would have no security, no assurance, and no real hope...

This is why it is important that God is the One who chose us and gave us faith! "God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?" (Numbers 23:19)

Our God does not change! And this God has loved us before creating the world. If God has loved us, He will always love us. If God has chosen us, He will never lose us.

Our faith is given to us by God, because He has already loved us. Praise God that we can trust Him to keep us saved.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it comforting to know that God won't lose us?
- Does God choosing to save us encourage you? Why or why not?

Church History:

On June 6, 1900, the Boxer revolutionaries in China attacked and killed several Christians. One of these Christians was Li Chouzi. Li was saved through the missionary work of foreign Christians. Slowly her mother came to the Gospel through Li and both were baptized on the same day. In Li's short life, she shared the Gospel with many people and bringing many to the Gospel meetings in the village. Even though she died for Christ, her life was used by God to save many.

About the Song:

This modern hymn reminds us that sins needed to be paid for. These sins were paid completely Christ. Filled with gratitude, the believer is filled with praise to Christ. We are reminded that nothing can separate us from Christ's love, we belong to Him now and forever no matter what may come.

Pray

Thank God for loving you
before you loved Him

Sing

My Ransom
Phil Madeira and Cindy
Morgan (2009)

MY RANSOM

Verse 1

What fear can overtake my vision
What doubt can overcome my faith
What strife can silence all my singing
Lord, Your wounds have paid my ransom

Verse 2

What thief can steal my heart's possession
What pow'r can overwhelm my soul
What shame can silence my confession
Lord, Your wounds have paid my ransom

Chorus

And what unspeakable mercy
Has emptied heaven's reserve
And what Redeemer so worthy
Has covered sin with such love
And what unsearchable riches
Far beyond human words
Lord, Your wounds have paid my ransom

Verse 3

What lie can sever what is certain
What storm can wash away my hope
What threat of death can take my freedom
Lord, Your wounds have paid my ransom

(Chorus)

Tag

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe
Lord, Your wounds have paid my ransom
Lord, Your wounds have paid my ransom
Lord, Your wounds have paid my ransom





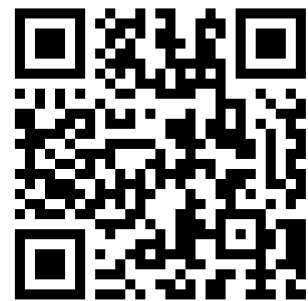
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"Go home to your friends and
tell them how much the Lord
has done for you, and how he
has had mercy on you."

Mark 5:19

