



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
06/09/25

Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 36: What do we believe
about the Holy Spirit?

That he is God, coeternal with the
Father and the Son, and that God
grants him irrevocably to all who
believe.

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.

PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

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MONDAY

Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Discuss

In the Old Testament, God provided His people with a place to worship Him. In the tabernacle and then the temple, God gave the people a location where they could bring sacrifices, offerings, and speak most directly with God. The central part of the temple was the Holy of Holies. Here the presence of God was most tangibly evident and only one priest could enter into that room one day a year. Everyone understood that the temple was the house of God. Even though God was everywhere (omnipresent), His house was the temple.

Our passage today told us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit! Our bodies are houses of the Holy Spirit. Paul uses the word “temple” because he wants us to remember the temple of the Old Testament. Just like God dwelled in the old temple, He now dwells in the hearts of all believers.

The Holy Spirit was in the temple. The Holy Spirit filled the Holy of Holies in a hyper-tangible way. Now, He fills the lives of believers in the same way.

The Holy Spirit is the same God who worked in the Old Testament. He moved among the people to bring life. The same God who filled the temple now fills us.

Discussion Questions

- What are ways that you think the Holy Spirit worked in the Old Testament?
- Why does it matter that the same God from the Old Testament now lives in our hearts?

Persecuted Church/Missions:

Yemen is torn apart by a decades long civil war. The nation is 99% Muslim, with only a small number of Christians. They face severe monitoring, arbitrary detention, torture, ill-treatment and murder. Owning a Bible is dangerous and Christians memorize as much as possible because they cannot carry one. Over the past year the Houthis, a hyper-radical group, have taken more power. Under their control many house churches already meeting in secret have been shut down. Some Muslims are becoming disillusioned by Islam. They are meeting Christians through online chats and some have come to faith in Jesus.

About the song:

This hymn reminds the singer of the central truth of the Christian faith: Christ is risen! Because Christ is risen, we are also raised to life in Him. The empty tomb gives hope and joy to the Christian life. It is through this central miracle that we are able to trust all other promises of God.

Pray

Thank God for making you
a temple for His Spirit

Sing

Resurrection Hymn
Keith Getty and Stuart
Townend (2003)

RESURRECTION HYMN

Verse 1:

See what a morning, gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes
Tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

Verse 2:

See Mary weeping: 'Where is He laid?
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name:
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope,
Bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears,
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

Verse 3:

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit
Who clothes faith with certainty,
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned
With power and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won
Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him,
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!



TUESDAY

Read Romans 11:32-36; 1 Corinthians 2:11

Discuss

Have you ever been on a walk with a friend when things get “real?” When you stop just joking around and for a time really talk about life and open up in vulnerability. When you can see into one another’s hearts and lives. These moments are important to any meaningful friendship.

In the Garden of Eden, Adam walked closely with God. Walking together they had a deep and intimate relationship of love for one another. This intimate relationship was broken by sin. Now, man struggles to know God. He sees our wicked hearts clearly, but we can hardly grasp a fraction of who He is. His ways and His plans are so much higher than our own. Who can understand the mind of God?

The Holy Spirit is not a lesser being than God. He is part of the Trinity and is in every way truly, fully God just as the Father and the Son are.

The Holy Spirit knows the mind of God because He is God. He is the Counselor to God because He is God. He knows the plans and will of God because He is God. The Spirit of God is everywhere, acting out the will of God in all things, working in the hearts of men to draw them to Himself.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it important the the Holy Spirit is God?
- Do you think of the Spirit with as much reverence as the Father?
- How should we approach the Spirit now that we know He is God?

Apologetics:

Our faith depends on the fact that real people did real things at real times. Christ really rose from the grave because He really died, and 30 some years before He had really been born. The New Testament authors work had to place the narratives in history. In the Gospels we hear of many historic figures like Caesar Augustus, Quirinius, Herod, Pilate, and others. All of these help to show that the events of the Gospels are not myths, but real historical events.

About the song:

This modern hymn reminds the Christian of our dependence on Christ. In it we proclaim that it is Christ’s righteousness and not our own that saves us and that it is Him who holds us by His grace. Because of this, we give Him all glory and honor. Christians rejoice knowing that eternity will be spent giving never ending glory to God our Redeemer.

Pray

Thank God for the gift of His Spirit.

Sing

I will Glory in My Redeemer
Steve Cook and Vikki Cook
(2001)

I WILL GLORY IN MY REDEEMER

VERSE 1

I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Savior before the holy Judge
The Lamb who is my righteousness
The Lamb who is my righteousness

VERSE 2

I will glory in my Redeemer
My life He bought, my love He owns
I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in Him alone
I will glory in my Redeemer
His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me
My feet are firm, held by His grace
My feet are firm, held by His grace

VERSE 3

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who carries me on eagles' wings
He crowns my life with lovingkindness
His triumph song I'll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me, it will be paradise
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold



WEDNESDAY

Read Genesis 1:2; Hebrews 9:14

Discuss

When God revealed Himself to Moses, He gave Himself the name “יהוה” which in English is often written as “YHWH” or “Yahweh.” This name means, “the uncaused cause.”

Everything that exists has a cause. You are here because your mom gave birth to you. A tree stands tall today because another tree a long time ago produced a seed. All of these, if you go back through lots and lots of grandparents, find their starting point in God when He created the heavens and the earth. God is the cause of all things, the first cause.

But God Himself didn't come from anything. No one and nothing caused God. He caused all things, but nothing said, “Let there be God.”

In the beginning the Spirit hovered over the surface of the deep. He was there with God because He is God.

Just like the Father and the Son, the Spirit has existed eternally. God the perfect three-in-one, eternally existing as the one God.

The Spirit is not added on at the end. He doesn't appear later on. Just like the Father and the Son, He has been eternally working in creation. With the Father and the Son, the Spirit has been working our God's plan of salvation in the world. He has been just as active, just as important, and just as perfect in His work.

Discussion Questions

- Do you usually think of the Spirit as coeternal and coequal with the Father and Son, or as a lesser part of the Trinity?
- Why is it important for Him to be equal?

Greek/Hebrew/Latin Word to Know:

“Sola”

“Alone”

Protestants are set apart from Catholics by a set of phrases called the 5 Solas, or the 5 “Alones.” These are “Sola gratia. Sola fide. Solus Christus. Sola Scriptura. Soli Deo gloria.” In English, we usually put these together into a sentence that reads, “We are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, according to Scripture alone, for the glory of God alone.”

About the Song:

This hymn opens reminding us of God's love for His people that stretched back before creation. We are brought to rejoice in the love of God revealed in Christ Jesus upon the cross. Sinners may run from God, but in love He relentlessly pursues us. The salvation given to us by God will also be completed by God, He won't leave us half-baked.

Pray

Praise God the Spirit for His work in creation.

Sing

Relentless Love
Chris Anderson (2011)

RELENTLESS LOVE

Verse 1:

Relentless love embraced my soul in ages past—
Love undeserved, unknown, yet deep and vast.
God set His love on me—on me, in spite of me!
Salvation's work is His from first to last.

Refrain

Unbounded love, unfailing love,
Love raised upon a tree;
Unending love, prevailing love—
My Savior's sovereign love for me.

Verse 2:

Relentless love pursued my heart, though I would hide—
Was unreturned, yet undeterred by pride.
Till by a grace unsought, my rebel soul was caught—
Redeemed by love that would not be denied.

(Refrain)

Verse 3:

Relentless love preserves my life from unbelief—
Sustains me through my sin, my doubt, my grief.
Since Christ has done it all, though feeble, I'll not fall,
His wounded hands hold me, the sinners' chief.

(Refrain)

Verse 4:

Relentless love transforms my soul and its delights—
Exceeds the fleeting joys which once sufficed.
Held by His love for me—a hold which sets me free!—
I have my heart's desire, and that is Christ.



THURSDAY

Read Romans 8:9-11

Discuss

In Scripture we read a lot about being dead in our sins. Without Christ we are like zombies walking around. Our bodies look alive, but our souls are dead inside of us.

When the Holy Spirit comes, He brings with Him a few things. First is conviction of sin (John 16:8-11). The Spirit gives us the ability to not only feel bad for our sin, but to actually understand that we have sinned against God and deserve His punishment. Second, the Spirit regenerates us and makes us turn from zombies into real living beings again (Titus 3:5). Third, after making us alive, the Spirit applies the benefits of Christ in salvation to the believer (Romans 8:9-11). Fourth, the Spirit sanctifies us so that we actually become holy in our lives (1 Peter 1:2). Fifth, the Spirit equips each believer with gifts for ministry (1 Corinthians 12:7). Sixth, the Spirit promises/seals us guaranteeing our inheritance in Christ (Ephesians 1:13-14).

More can be added to this list, but from it you can see how when the Spirit comes, everything changes for the Christian! It is the work of the Spirit that saves us and unites us with Christ. Through Him we not only become aware of our sin, but are also given new life so that we are no longer dead in our sin.

Without the Spirit's work, we would still be walking zombies. Praise God for the life giving Spirit.

Discussion Questions

- Can you think of other things that the Spirit does?
- Have you considered all the ways that the Spirit works?

Important Theological Term:

Pneumatology: the study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit

Pneumatology comes from the word “πνεῦμα/pneuma” meaning “breath, wind, or spirit.” We understand the Spirit to be one of the three coequal, eternally existing members of the Trinity. We also see His work in creation, to saving sinners, and our eventual glorification. In this study we come to see that the Spirit is not just a genie (like in Aladdin), but is really truly the living God.

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.” John 16:13

About the Song:

This beautiful hymn by Isaac Watts reminds us of how deeply we need our Savior Jesus. We are reminded of the depth of our sins that held Christ to the cross. Remembering this we rejoice in thankfulness for Him and His mercy.

Pray

Pray for the Spirit to work in the hearts of those who do not know Christ

Sing

*Alas! And Did My Savior
Bleed*
Isaac Watts (1707)

ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED

VERSE 1

Alas! and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?
Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!

VERSE 2

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut His glories in,
When Christ the mighty Maker died
For man the creature's sin.
Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears.
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness
And melt my eyes with tears.

VERSE 3

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away,
'Tis all that I can do.
Alas! and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sovereign die?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!

This is a version of the hymn in Hebrew, Arabic, and English. It's a beautiful expression of Christian unity even in the midst of turmoil.



FRIDAY

Read John 14:15-31; Acts 2:1-13

Discuss

Jesus is not still walking on the earth. After he was resurrected, Jesus taught for a brief period before ascending to heaven. It would be easy for the disciples to despair. Their Messiah and Savior and dear friend had left them. From a merely human perspective, they had been left alone.

But Jesus promised to send the Helper, the Holy Spirit, after He ascended. In fact it was necessary for Him to leave them so that the Holy Spirit could come.

The Holy Spirit dwells in the hearts of all believers. When He comes into us, He helps us to live lives that bring glory to God. He changes us, giving us special gifts to serve God and the church.

The Spirit also gives us a heart that is sensitive to sin. He helps us to hate our sin and start loving what God loves. He works in our hearts so that slowly but surely we begin to live more holy lives.

And when life is hard “the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.” (Romans 8:26).

The Spirit of God isn’t just a magical friend giving us what we want. He is God and He helps us to be like Christ and love God more.

Discussion Questions

- What are ways that you have seen the Spirit work in other Christians?
- Is it comforting to know the Spirit is always with you?

Church History:

On June 13, 313 AD, the edict of Milan is proclaimed by emperor Licinius. At this point the Roman Empire had two emperors. Licinius and Constantine worked together to develop this proclamation. In it, they officially removed state persecution against Christians. They declared that Christians had equal rights as the pagans. For the first time, Christians could worship and evangelize free from the threat of the state. Christians for the first time enjoyed equal treatment through the empire.

About the Song:

This hymn is 249 years old. Despite its age, the truth within it continues to touch the hearts of those who hear it. It reminds us that God pursued us even when we hated Him. Not only that, but in the cross of Christ we are given a shelter from the storm of life better than any other. Christ is our hiding place.

Pray

Thank God for sending the Helper to us

Sing

My Ransom

Jehoida Brewer and David Ward (1776)

MY HIDING PLACE

Verse 1:

Against the God who rules the sky
I fought with hands uplifted high
Despised the mention of His grace
Too proud to seek a hiding place
But an eternal counsel ran
"Almighty love, arrest that man"
I felt the arrows of disgrace

Chorus:

And found I had no hiding place
My Jesus is my hiding place
Surrounding me with steadfast love and grace
In death, He'll be my hiding place
And I shall ever see His smiling face

Verse 2:

Indignant Justice stood in view
To Sinai's fiery mount I flew
But Justice cried with frowning face
"This mountain is no hiding place"
Ere long a heav'nly voice I heard
And mercy for my soul appeared
Which led me on with smiling face

(Chorus)

Verse 3:

On Him almighty vengeance fell
Enough to sink the world to hell
He bore it for His chosen race
And thus became their hiding place
Should storms of mighty vengeance roll
And shake this earth from pole to pole
No flaming bolt could daunt my face

(Chorus)





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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

