



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
06/16/25

Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 37: How does the Holy Spirit help us?

The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.

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.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:



<https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship>

MONDAY

Read Romans 16:8-11

Discuss

Have you ever done something you weren't supposed to, and then feel bad about it later? Maybe you hit your sibling, or stole something, or broke something and tried to hide it. After a short time you know that you have sinned and deserve punishment.

The first thing the Spirit does in a believer is to replace our heart of stone with a heart of flesh. Isn't that a powerful picture?! Think of a rock, if you have one pick it up and hold it. If you wanted to stab it with a fork, what would happen? The fork would bend but the rock wouldn't be affected! Now what would happen if you stabbed that fork into a piece of meat at dinner? It would sink right in. When the Spirit gives us a heart of flesh, it means that our hearts are sensitive to sin. Without the Spirit, our sins affected our hearts the way the fork affected the rock. We didn't care! But with the new heart from the Spirit, those sins easily pierce our heart so that we are convicted of them.

The Spirit works in the hearts of Christians so that we see our sin more quickly and more clearly. Our sins hurt us in a way that they didn't used to. While we won't like this feeling, this is actually a gift from the God. Because when we feel the hurt and conviction of our sins more easily, it makes us repent of them more quickly.

Discussion Questions

- Have you felt the conviction of sin from the Spirit? Was that a nice feeling or not?
- Why is it a good thing to have not nice feelings like conviction of sin?

Persecuted Church/Missions:

The Yao are a tribe of 2.5 million people in Malawi, a small nation in eastern Africa. Historically, the Yao have been a Muslim tribe. Converts in this tribe are expelled from their families, beaten, and often killed. Churches are burned on a regular basis and missionaries are forcibly expelled. The rest of Malawi is predominantly Christian, but very poor. While Bibles are available in the country, most cannot afford them. Many of those that did have Bibles lost them in 2023 when a series of storms flooded much of the country. For more information on Malawi and the Yao visit: persecution.com/globalprayerguide/malawi/

About the song:

Sometimes we need a painful reminder of the severity of our sins. This hymn leads us to painfully remember how bad our sins really are. It was our sins that killed Christ and held Him to the cross. It is good to remember our sin, because the darkness of sin makes the light of Christ even brighter!

Pray

Thank God for giving you the conviction of sin, even though it hurts

Sing

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted
Thomas Kelly (1804)

STRICKEN, SMITTEN, AND AFFLICTED

Verse 1:

Stricken, smitten and afflicted,
See him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected!
Yes, my soul, 'tis he! 'tis he!
'Tis the long-expected prophet,
David's son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis a true and faithful word.

Verse 2:

Tell me, ye who hear him groaning,
Was there ever grief like his?
Friends thru' fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting his distress:
Many hands were raised to wound him,
None would interpose to save;
But the awful stroke that pierced him
Was the stroke that justice gave.

Verse 3:

Ye who think of sin but lightly,
Nor suppose the evil great;
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed!
See who bears the awful load!
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of man, and Son of God.

Verse 4:

Here we have a firm foundation;
Here's the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation:
His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded!
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on him their hope have built.



TUESDAY

Read John 14:26; 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Discuss

In John we read about Jesus promising to send the Spirit to His disciples. The name given to the Spirit here is “paraclete.” Most of our Bibles will translate that to “Helper,” but some others translate it as “Comforter.” The general idea of the word is “one who comes alongside of.” It brings to mind a friend helping another who has fallen, helping to carry a load, and walking beside you providing a shoulder to cry on.

Friends like these are important. This life is really hard, and it is so much harder if we try to do it on our own. We need friends who will come alongside us, helping to carry the heavy burdens in this life and comforting us when we are hurting and broken.

While friends are important, they are not as dependable as God is. They may be busy or struggling in their own ways, or even sin against us. Any number of reasons may lead to them not being by our side when we really need them.

God promises to never leave or forsake us. When the Spirit comes to us as the Helper/Comforter, He will never leave. There is never a time when He is too busy to provide the comfort of the promises of God to your sin sick soul.

Discussion Questions

- How have you experienced the comfort of the Holy Spirit?
- What does it look like to trust the Spirit as your Comforter?
- Have you ever tried to live without the help of the Helper? How did that work out?

Apologetics:

Sometimes people question if the Bible is reliable today. How could the Bible survive so many centuries in a game of telephone? However, Bible translation is not like a game of telephone. When scholars translate the Bible they always look at the original manuscripts, not previous translations. We have 5,600 ancient manuscripts of the New Testament! We can rest knowing that the Bible we have today is the same as the original.

About the song:

This hymn is loved by people of all generations and has been a staple in many churches for over 150 years. The words remind us that our lives are bought by Christ and are His completely. The purpose of every person is to live according to the will of God, and people flourish when we live in that purpose. Let our lives be all for Christ and His glory.

Pray

Thank God for being the comforter and pray that He provide comfort to someone you know

Sing

Take My Life and Let it Be
Frances Ridley Havergal
(1874)

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

Verse 1:

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

Verse 2:

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Verse 3:

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Verse 4:

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Verse 5:

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Verse 6:

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.



WEDNESDAY

Read Ezekiel 36:27

Discuss

Have you ever been told to do something, but you really do NOT want to do that thing? Growing up I always dreaded when my mom would ask me to clean the dishes. In my mind, that was the worst chore possible. Well, that or cleaning the dog poop in the yard.

Sometimes even when we know the right thing to do, we really don't want to do it. This is the way we are without the Spirit. We can know the right thing to do, but our hearts do not have a true desire to obey.

Some people still obey parts of the law of God apart from the Spirit. Not everyone is always lying or stealing or killing. However the reason that they don't always sin in these ways is not because they desire to be obedient to God. No, the motivation comes from a fear of punishment or the potential risks of the behavior like losing relationships and reputation. Those other things are more valuable to them than the sin.

The Spirit works in us so that we actually desire to obey God, not out of fear, but out of love for Him! The Spirit gives us a heart that longs for God. As we love Him more and more, we also love what He loves. Have you ever done something for your parents, friends, or siblings simply because you wanted to show them you loved them? That is like the desire the Spirit gives us for obedience!

Discussion Questions

- Has your desire for obedience increased?
- In what ways do you desire to be obedient that you didn't in the past?
- In what ways are you still growing in obedience?

Greek/Hebrew/Latin Word to Know:

“אמן”

“Amen”

You already know this word! Likely you say this every time that you pray. But what does it mean? this word carries the idea of agreeing and supporting what has been said. The related word “amanah” means truthfulness and confidence. Saying “amen” reflects a firm trust and confidence in the God you pray to. Open to Isaiah 65:16. The word translated as “truth” is actually “amen.” Firm, trustworthy confidence and steadfastness.

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

Confess how you have been disobedient and pray to desire obedience more

Sing

Good Shepherd of My Soul
Keith and Kristyn Getty (2013)

GOOD SHEPHERD OF MY SOUL

Verse 1:

Good Shepherd of my soul,
Come dwell within me;
Take all I am and mould
Your likeness in me.
Before the cross of Christ,
This is my sacrifice:
A life laid down and ready to follow.

Verse 2:

The troubled find their peace
In true surrender;
The prisoners their release
From chains of anger.
In springs of living grace
I find a resting place
To rise refreshed and ready to follow.

Verse 3:

I'll walk this narrow road
With Christ before me,
Where thorns and thistles grow
And cords ensnare me.
Though doubted and denied,
He never leaves my side,
But lifts my head and calls me to follow.

Verse 4:

And when my days are gone,
My strength is failing,
He'll carry me along
Through death's unveiling.
Earth's struggles overcome,
Heaven's journey just begun
To search Christ's depths and ever to follow.



THURSDAY

Read Ephesians 6:17-18; Romans 8:26-27

Discuss

In September of 2022, I went through a really hard time. In the last month I had moved across the country by myself, leaving everyone I knew and loved. I had started at a new school in a hard program. I started attending CBC, but didn't know many people yet. I started a new and very difficult job where I cared for and served some of the most hurting people I have ever met. Then in all of that, my grandpa died. He was finishing cancer treatments and recovering, his death came suddenly and without warning. When I got the call, I sat down, cried, and tried to pray but the words were... stuck. With a breaking heart and so terribly alone, no matter how hard I tried to pray, there weren't words for what I felt.

Maybe you have felt like this and gone through a hard time when there are no words to pray. In those times, don't think you are less Christian. God promises that the Spirit intercedes for us when we have "groanings too deep for words." Even when we have no words, or the words we do have are not enough, the Spirit loves us, comforts us, and bears our heart to the Father.

Oh how sweet it is to know that we don't have to be perfect when we pray. We can stumble over our words or lack them altogether. The Spirit gives us the ability to pray so that our words and our hearts are like sweet music to the ears of the Father.

Discussion Questions

- How has the Spirit helped you to pray?
- Have you ever felt "stuck" praying?
- How does it make you feel to know you don't always need the right words?

Important Theological Term:

Ordinance: a practice or action ordained by Christ.

The church has been given two ordinances: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Both of these were commanded by Christ. Both serve to visibly demonstrate the Gospel message. Baptism is a visible demonstration of the inner reality, having died to sin and being raised to life in Christ. The Lord's Supper also visibly reminds us of the death of Christ and unites us in His suffering.

"Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," Matthew 18:28-29

About the Song:

This shorter hymn is filled to overflowing with deep truth. The words draw our eyes to the immense love displayed on the cross. It was the blood of Christ that has redeemed us and sealed us to salvation.

Pray

Thank the Holy Spirit for helping you to pray.

Sing

I Hear the Words of Love
Horatius Bonar (19th Century)

I HEAR THE WORDS OF LOVE

Verse 1:

I hear the words of love;
I gaze upon the blood;
I see the mighty sacrifice,
and I have peace with God.

Verse 2:

'Tis everlasting peace,
sure as Jehovah's name;
'tis stable as His steadfast throne,
forevermore the same.

Verse 3:

The clouds may go and come,
and storms may sweep my sky,
this blood-brought friendship changes not;
the cross is ever nigh.

Verse 4:

I change- He changes not;
the Christ can never die;
His love, not mine, the resting place;
His truth, not mine, the tie.

Verse 5:

My love is oft-times low;
my joy still ebbs and flows;
but peace with Him remains the same;
no change Jehovah knows.



FRIDAY

Read 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Discuss

I was raised in a Christian home. From a very young age my parents taught me the importance of Scripture. I memorized Scripture in Sunday school, AWANA, VBS, and youth group. But it was only when I was 18, as I began to be truly convicted of my sin, that I saw the Scriptures with clear eyes. I had spent years hearing, reading, and memorizing the Word, but it didn't truly touch my mind and heart until I was 18.

The wisdom of God is foolishness to those who are of the world. Scripture simply does not make true sense to those who do not have the Spirit. They may see value in some principles of the Bible, or even agree with the historic facts of the Bible, but the Spirit is the One who causes the Word to pierce the heart and lead people to faith and repentance.

Before salvation, people are referred to as having eyes that do not see and ears that do not hear (Isaiah 6:10; Jeremiah 5:21). We simple cannot see our sin as it is, we cannot see the glory of God, we cannot hear the call of the Word.

The Spirit works in our lives to give eyes to see (Ephesians 1:18). Through His work we can read the Word in a way that actually changes our lives! Without His work, the wisdom of God would be foolishness to us, but with Him it is the words of life.

Discussion Questions

- Have you seen the Spirit give you the ability to understand the Word more?
- How do you understand the Word more today than you used to?

Church History:

Last week thousands of Baptist gathered for the annual Southern Baptist Convention. The largest seminary of the SBC is Southern Seminary in Kentucky. 244 years ago on June 18, 1781, 18 people (3 of them being of African descent) gathered to establish the first Baptist church in Severn's Valley (now Elizabethtown), Kentucky. Soon they would construct a log cabin as their church positioned near a stream to perform Baptisms. The Lord continues advancing His church.

About the Song:

This is a rather new song. The lyrics cut deep to our hearts, reminding us of the humility of Christ. Christ chose a humble path, a humble life, and death on a cross to save us. The love of God is revealed to us most fully through the sacrifice of the cross. His obedience bought us life in and through Him.

Pray

Praise God and thank Him for opening the eyes of your heart.

Sing

My Savior Left His Throne Above
Julie Anne Vargas and Zachary Hicks (2015)

MY SAVIOR LEFT HIS THRONE ABOVE

Verse 1

My Savior left His throne above
Exchanged His wealth for poverty
He took my hate and gave His love
All this and more He did for me
Because He chose the lowly way
And bowed before His Father's will
I can with all assurance say
My God is near and loves me still
My God is near and loves me still

Verse 2

He felt the storms of human pain
He felt temptation's whelming seas
He felt the tears of sorrow's rain
All this and more He felt for me
Because He knows my every strife
And is acquainted with my grief
I can't be shaken in this life
The Friend of Sinners walks with me
The Friend of Sinners walks with me

Verse 3

He kept His Father's every word
The Law He followed perfectly
So all God's pleasure He secured
All this and more He earned for me
Because His righteous life is mine
And all His merits now I own
I am a child of God on high
I am adopted, loved, and known
I am adopted, loved, and known

Verse 4

When Jesus left His heavenly home
His face was set on Calvary
The steepest hill He climbed alone
All this and more He did for me
Because He died once for all time
And bore the curse of death and hell
Final forgiveness here is mine
So it is finished, all is well
Yes, it is finished, all is well





July 21-25 | 6-8PM

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**Friday, June 20th
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@ Wollman Park**

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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

