



BAPTISM BY IMMERSION IN LONDON. A SCENE IN THE METROPOLITAN TERRACE
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Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
08/11/25

Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 44: What is baptism?

Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.

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. Scripture expects parents to be the primary disciplers of 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 Matthew 3:13-17; Acts 8:35-37

Discuss

God often uses ordinary things to accomplish extraordinary purposes. In Genesis, God took dust and from that dust He created man. God took a few loaves and fish to feed 5,000 people. God uses sinful people to preach the Gospel, think of Paul who murdered many Christians before He was saved.

In the new covenant, the promise God makes to save His people through Jesus, God uses water as a visible sign of that invisible grace. Simple water, the same water that comes from your sink or in a river, is used to show the entire world that your soul has been bought by the blood of Jesus Christ!

Why water? Why doesn't God use wine to symbolize the blood of Christ washing us? We will discuss this more on Thursday, but we should think about it a little now. Water is the clearest symbol of the cleansing power of Christ. If you want to get clean, do you take a bath in grape juice? Of course not! We use water because water washes away dirt, just as Christ's blood washes away our sin.

When one is baptized, being submerged in water gives the world a picture of how Christ cleanses sin. God uses a simple symbol, just like He uses our simple faith, to show His great power. In baptism, God uses a simple sign to help us remember and declare what Christ has already done to save us. And He even uses us, weak and simple as we are, to spread His Gospel to the world.

Discussion Questions

- Why do you think Christ gave us the ordinances?
- Do you think of baptism and the Lord's Supper as traditions, or as gifts?

Persecuted Church/Missions:

Pakistan is a Muslim majority country that borders the west of India. In this country there is widespread oppression of many vulnerable groups. Christians only make up about 2% of the population and face intense persecution. Many are trapped in bonded/debt slavery. Generations work for decades in hard labor under the desert sun to pay off a debt, living in impoverished conditions, with little hope of freedom for themselves or their children. Yet even here there is hope in the Gospel. Many Christians recite Scripture during their work, with some having entire books memorized.

About the song:

This song leads us to rejoice in the blood of Christ that saves us. There is no other way to be saved except the blood of Jesus. Only His blood and sacrifice can wash our sins away and make us whole in Him.

Pray

Thank God for the blood that saves

Sing

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus
Robert Lowry (1876)

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS

Verse 1:

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain:

O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Verse 2:

For my pardon this I see:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

[Refrain]

Verse 3:

Nothing can for sin atone:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

[Refrain]

Verse 4:

This is all my hope and peace:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

[Refrain]



TUESDAY

Read Matthew 28:18-20

Discuss

Who saves us? Is it the Father, the Son, or the Spirit? The answer, of course, is that all three members of the Trinity are at work in salvation. Because each Person of the Trinity plays a part in our salvation, baptism is done in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

So what does each member do? The Father begins the work of salvation. In love and for His glory, He chose to redeem sinners and draw them to Himself. It is the will and plan of the Father that sinners be saved and He has given His chosen ones to the Son to be redeemed by Him (John 6:37-40).

Jesus did not die for us so that the Father would be forced to love us. No, He came and died for us because the Father had already chosen to love us. In His love, the Father sent the Son to die for our sins (John 3:16). The Son accomplishes the will of the Father by atoning for our sins on the cross.

The Father chose to love His people and sent the Son. The Son obeyed the Father and atoned for our sins. So what does the Spirit do? The Spirit applies the work of the Son to us. The Father willed, the Son accomplished, and the Spirit applies. He is the One who gives us the life that Jesus bought for us on the cross (Romans 8:9-11).

The whole Trinity worked together to save you. Now that is some amazing grace!

Discussion Questions

- Have you considered the work of the Trinity in salvation before?
- Why is it important to recognize what each member does?

Apologetics:

The word “Trinity” is never in the Bible, so why do Christians believe in it? While the exact word may not be in the Bible, the idea of the Trinity is EVERYWHERE!

Deuteronomy 6:4 tells us that there is only one God. At the same time Scripture tells us that the Father is God (Philippians 1:2), that the Son is God (John 1:1, 14), and that the Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4). One God, but three different persons called God. I wish there was an easy way to explain this, but there really is not (at least not in this little space). Scripture paints a picture for us of a God who is three persons in one being. Three in unity. Tri-unity. Trinity.

About the song:

This modern song sings of timeless truths. This song is a song of praise to the triune God. It is this God, far beyond what our minds can fully comprehend, that provides comfort and rest for our souls.

Pray

Thank each member of the Trinity for their work in saving us.

Sing

Praise The Father, Praise The Son

Chris Tomlin (2008)

PRAISE THE FATHER, PRAISE THE SON

Verse 1:

O sov'reign God, O matchless King
The saints adore, the angels sing
And fall before the throne on grace
To you belongs the highest praise

Verse 2:

These sufferings, this passing tide
Under Your wings I will abide
And every enemy shall flee
You are my hope and victory

Chorus:

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, Three in One
Clothed in power and in grace
The name above all other names

Verse 3:

To the valley, for my soul
Thy great descent has made me whole!
You word my heart has welcomed home
Now peace like water ever flows

(Chorus)

Verse 4:

Oh, praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, Three in One
Clothed in power and in grace
The name above all other names

Bridge:

Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever

(Chorus)



WEDNESDAY

Read Galatians 3:26-27; Romans 8:14-17

Discuss

The waters of baptism aren't magical. The water does not save you. The water does not change you. The water might remove the dirt from your body, but only the blood of Christ can remove the sin from your soul.

Baptism is a sign of the seal the Spirit gives us in salvation. It doesn't make us saved, it just tells the world what has already happened. But what has happened to us?

Before salvation we were enemies of God. Our sins were a rebellion against the King of the universe. Our hearts were set against Him, and our sins were acts of rebellion against His throne.

We stood before God, arrested and condemned as His enemies. We deserved punishment.

As we stand condemned, Jesus comes alongside us. He takes off our sinful clothes, and replaces them with His righteousness. He stands in our place, clothed in our sins, to bear our punishment. And as He takes our place, we are brought into His position. No longer enemies, but children of God.

Baptism shows the world that we have been adopted by God! That our sins are buried with Christ and instead that we are new creations. In baptism we tell everyone that we are part of a new family, the family of God.

Discussion Questions

- Would you rather have Christ and lose the world, or lose the world and have Christ?
- What does the sign of Baptism tell the world?

Greek/Hebrew/Latin Word to Know:

υιοθεσία

Huiothesia- adoption

This is the G

reek word translated as adoption. But it carries a deep meaning. It is more closely translated as "to be placed as a son." One who was not a son, one who was far off, has been brought near and has been placed and appointed to be a son of God. This is an act of deep love and care for us, that we should be placed as children of God.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. (1 John 3:1)

About the Song:

This well known hymn reminds us that the trouble of the world is worth it for the joy in Christ. We are secured in Christ, though they hurt us, our souls are held in His hands.

Pray

Thank God for making you
His child

Sing

Arise My Soul Arise
Charles Wesley (1742)

ARISE MY SOUL ARISE

Verse 1:

Arise, my soul, arise,
Shake off thy guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice
In my behalf appears;
Before the throne my surety stands;
My name is written on his hands.

Verse 2:

He ever lives above
For me to intercede;
His all-redeeming love
His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for all our race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Verse 3:

Five bleeding wounds he bears,
Received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers,
They strongly speak for me;
Forgive him, oh forgive, they cry,
Nor let that ransomed sinner die.

Verse 4:

The Father hears him pray,
His dear Anointed One;
He cannot turn away
The presence of his Son;
His Spirit answers to the blood
And tells me I am born of God.

Verse 5:

My God is reconciled,
His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child;
I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
AND FATHER, ABBA FATHER, CRY!



THURSDAY

Read 1 Peter 3:18-22

Discuss

As I write this my apartment has no hot water in 18 days. This means uncomfortable cold showers, a stinky dog that needs a bath, and maybe most importantly, a really hard time doing dishes.

Whether it's clothes, dishes, your dog, or yourself, the fact is that when you clean something, you need water. Without water, the grime stays. No water, no cleanliness.

That's why water is given as the perfect symbol of cleansing and purity. When we see water, we naturally think of its power to wash things clean.

Yesterday we mentioned that there is no magical power in the baptismal water. It might clean a little bit of dirt off your skin, but it won't cleanse your heart.

The water of baptism doesn't clean us, rather it shouts to the world that the blood of Christ is stronger than any water! The blood of Christ, applied to our hearts by the Spirit, removes the guilt and stain of sin. It is Christ's blood that washes us as we come to Him in faith that cleans us better than any water ever could.

When we are baptized, we are telling the world that our sins have been washed away by Christ. Baptism gives the picture of the death of our old, sinful life and the beginning of a new life in Christ. It declares that our conscience is clean not because of anything we've done, but because Jesus washed it all away.

Discussion Questions

- Have you been washed by the blood of Christ, or only with water?
- Describe the picture of baptism in your own words.

Important Theological Term:

Holiness means to be set apart in a pure and perfect way. To be spotless, blameless, and perfect. Scripture talks about God being holy, that He is in a category of other-ness, being removed from the created order. Christians are also called to be holy. We are to be removed from the sins that define the world and instead live holy lives through Christ. Our holiness though ultimately comes through what Christ did for us.

About the Song:

This hymn begins by stating that the church is bound by love. The hymn goes on to build on the idea of suffering and rejoicing together, and the hymn ends with the hope that this unity will not be permanently broken by death or parting. "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it" (1 Cor. 12:26-27).

Pray

Rejoice in the cleansing blood of Christ. pray for those who are still trapped in sin.

Sing

There is a Fountain Filled with Blood
William Cowper (1772)

THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD

Verse 1:

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

Verse 2:

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away,
Wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

Verse 3:

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved, to sin no more:
Be saved, to sin no more,
Be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more.

Verse 4:

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die,
And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

Verse 5:

When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save:
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save,
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;
Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.



FRIDAY

Read Galatians 2:17-21

Discuss

It takes a lot to become a citizen of the United States. You have to go through a long application process, pay lots of money, take difficult exams, and in the end you have to swear off allegiances to other countries and swear sole allegiance to the US. Why would someone do that much work when they could simply apply for permanent residency status? They do this because they love this country and want to show their commitment to it.

While commitment to a country is a big deal, commitment to Christ is even bigger!

Baptism is when the world sees our commitment to Christ. It is here where we tell the world that we have denied our former allegiances to sin and instead are committed to following Christ, no matter what.

This is a big statement! Throughout the world people are kicked out of their homes for being baptized, some are imprisoned, and some even die because they are baptized. Yet they follow Christ in obedience because He is worth it.

The Christian life is not one where we seek our own pleasure and happiness. We cannot serve two masters. The lives that we are given in Christ are to be lived for Him and His glory. It may be hard at times, but it is so much better than living for anything else. Christ died for us, let us live for Him.

Discussion Questions

- What is your life committed to?
- Have you committed your life to Christ? What does that look like?

Church History:

On August 14, 1314, Raymond Lull set sail from Genoa, Italy, to the city of Tunis. For years he had criticized the Catholic church for many issues including their lack of evangelism to the Muslims. He was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church for his criticisms. Being excommunicated, Lull decided that if no one else would share the Gospel with the Muslims, he decided that he would take up the call. After three failed attempts to make it to Tunis, he was able to on his third try. After seeing a number of converts in the city, Lull was expelled and spent the rest of his life convincing Europe to bring the Gospel to the Muslims.

About the Song:

This song is a cry that our lives are only for Jesus! He is the purpose, the source, and the joy of our lives. We live for Christ as He lives in and through us.

Pray

Pray that others would see Christ in 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]
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 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



Hello there, AWANA is starting soon!

AWANA exists to help children (2yrs old-8th grade) know and experience Jesus! This happens through verse memorization, games, songs, and activities. AWANA meets every Wednesday at 6:30pm beginning September 3rd!



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TIMOTHY FAIRCHILD

"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

