



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
08/18/25

Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 45: Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?

No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.

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 Isaiah 6:1-7; Romans 2:12, 3:23, 6:23

Discuss

I have had several people get angry at me and say something like, "You can't judge me!" My usual response, whether in my head or spoken aloud is, "I may not, but God will. And wouldn't it better to have your heart and life in order before He does?"

The reality is that we will all stand before the living God. In the end we will all stand before His throne.

But what will we feel when we stand before His throne? Isaiah, a prophet of God, felt terror so that he thought he would die upon seeing the presence of God. He felt this way because seeing the holiness of God, he understood that he was indeed a sinner deserving of judgement.

All of us have sinned. All of us deserve judgement. None of us has any excuse, any defense, any reason that we should be forgiven. We are desperate and helpless, condemned in need of a Savior.

We will talk about the Savior tomorrow. If your soul feels heavy, that is okay. It should. On our own apart from God there is no hope. We have a burden and debt of sin that we have no ability to pay for.

Our strength cannot save us. Cannot secure us. We need someone to take our judgement for us.

Discussion Questions

- Is there a way we can make ourselves seem better to God?
- Why can't we save ourselves?

Persecuted Church/Missions:

Tunisia is a small nation in North Africa. The country has 11.9 million inhabitants, however there are only 23,000 Christians in the nation. An Islamic nation with suffocating dictatorial paranoia, Christians face intense trials. The government regularly arrests Christians meeting in churches and targets Christian leaders. Most believers meet quietly in homes attempting to not draw attention to themselves. Conversion to Christianity from Islam can result in being excluded from society, being ostracized from family, loss of job, fines, and even arrest. Many Christians are abused severely by their Muslim family, even to death.

About the song:

Using imagery from Isaiah 53 and other Bible passages, this hymn reminds us of Christ's substitute for us on the cross. we are reminded that it was for our sin that Christ died! Christ's death is not abstract, but deeply personal, directly affecting our souls.

Pray

Confess your sins to God and ask for forgiveness.

Sing

*Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou
Offended*

Johann Heermann (1630)

AH HOLY JESUS, HOW HAST THOU OFFENDED

Verse 1:

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!

Verse 2:

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

Verse 3:

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered.
For our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.

Verse 4:

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

Verse 5:

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.



TUESDAY

Read Leviticus 17:11; Hebrews 9:11-18

Discuss

Romans 6:23 tells us that the wages of sin is death. Someone or something must die for sin. When Adam and Eve fell in Genesis 3, death entered the world. Since then, everyone dies because everyone sins.

In the garden, God Himself provided the first sacrifice. He killed an animal to cover Adam and Eve's shame. Its blood covered their guilt; its hide covered their nakedness. From that moment on, sacrifices were offered as a substitute for the sinner. Abel, Noah, Abraham, Job, long before the Law was given, each offered sacrifices to God.

When God gave His Law to Israel, He commanded a vast and detailed sacrificial system. The lifeblood of these sacrifices was poured out to cover the sins that would otherwise cost the lives of the people. Blood must be shed, either the sinner's blood or the blood of a substitute.

But man is worth more than sheep and goats. How could the blood of an animal truly pay for the sins of one made in the image of God? This is why the offerings never ceased. Day after day, year after year, century after century, the blood of millions of animals was spilled. And still, humanity sinned. Still, the sacrifices continued.

We need a better sacrifice — one who can die once for all, and truly take away sin. We'll talk about Him tomorrow.

Discussion Questions

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

Apologetics:

If God commanded sacrifices in the Old Testament, why do we no longer bring sacrifices? Did God change His mind? Well, God cannot change, not even changing His mind. The sacrifices God commanded in the Old testament were never meant to continue forever. How could they when they were insufficient? Instead, they were always meant to point to Jesus. Jesus is the perfect lamb. He is the true sacrifice. The Old Testament sacrifices never saved anyone. Instead it was faith in the greater sacrifice to come that saved them. Faith alone saved the Old Testament saints, and faith alone saved us.

About the song:

The oldest words of this song were written in the 1800's added to in the 1960's. A combine effort over decades, this hymn declares the unchanging reality that Christ's work has secured us eternally.

Pray

Ask God for a covering for your sins

Sing

Before the Throne of God Above
Charitie Lees Bancroft (1841-1892), Vikki Cook (1997)

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

VERSE 1

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

VERSE 2

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

VERSE 3

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God



WEDNESDAY

Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12; John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:18-21

Discuss

This has been a somber week of devotions. We saw our sin and that our greatest need is to have our sin removed. We have seen that there must be a payment for sin, yet no sacrifice is great enough to cover the sins of humanity.

What is the solution then? No one is perfect. Every man is a sinner in need of salvation. No mere human can die for another's sins, for each has their own debt. Nothing created will do. We need God Himself to save us.

And that is exactly what God did. The eternal Son took on human flesh (John 1:14), truly God, yet truly man, so that He alone would be pure enough to atone for our sins.

In love beyond all measure, He bore the curse reserved for us (Gal. 3:13). Suffering anguish and affliction, the Creator of the universe died upon the very tree He had made. No one forced His hand; He chose to lay down His life so that we could be saved through Him (John 10:18).

His blood was shed to fully satisfy the debt of sin we owe (Heb. 9:12). Salvation is not found in our efforts or in the blood of lambs, goats, or bulls. It is found only in the blood of Christ the eternal God who made the only sufficient sacrifice for us. He shed His own blood so that in Him we would have life everlasting.

Discussion Questions

- Why did Christ have to die for us?
- Why is it important that Jesus is God and man?

Original Languages Word:

כָּפַר

(kāphar) – to cover, to atone
This Hebrew word means “to cover” or “to make atonement.” In Scripture, it is used for the covering of sin in sacrifice like when the high priest would sprinkle blood on the mercy seat to kāphar for the sins of the people (Lev. 16:30). This covering was never permanent, it pointed to the perfect and final atonement Christ would accomplish. In Him, sin is not only covered, it is removed (John 1:29).

For on this day shall atonement be made for you to cleanse you. You shall be clean before the LORD from all your sins. (Leviticus 16:30)

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 His merciful sacrifice.

Sing

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer
Nathan Stiff (2017)

O LORD, MY ROCK AND MY REDEEMER

VERSE 1

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

VERSE 2

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

VERSE 3

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
MAY ALL MY DAYS BRING GLORY TO YOUR NAME



THURSDAY

Read Titus 3:5; John 11: 1-44

Discuss

How is the perfect blood of Jesus then applied to our hearts? By the Holy Spirit! He works within us, moving and changing us so that we are given new hearts and new lives. He renews us and gives us the life that was bought for us on the cross of Christ.

Think of Lazarus in the tomb. As the King James Bible puts it, “he stinketh” (John 11:39). He was truly dead, not mostly dead, but fully gone. The smell of decay proved it.

Then Jesus came to the tomb and called, “Lazarus, come out” (John 11:43). In an instant, death was reversed. Rotting flesh became whole. The heart began to beat again. The man who had been dead walked out alive.

This is what the Spirit does for us. Apart from Him, our hearts are dead and corrupt. But when He calls, the dead live. What was stone becomes flesh. What was lifeless begins to walk in obedience.

“I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules... And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.” Ezekiel 36:25-27, 37:14

Discussion Questions

- Why do we need a new heart?
- What does a new heart look like in us?

Important Theological Term:

Regeneration means to be given new life. It is the act of being born again spiritually. Scripture teaches that before Christ, our hearts are dead in sin, unable to follow God or please Him. The Holy Spirit takes what was dead and makes it alive, giving us new desires, a new heart, and a new spirit. This is not something we can do ourselves. Instead it's the gracious work of God, applying salvation purchased by Christ to our lives so that we can walk in obedience and faith.

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

Thank God for the renewing work of the Spirit. Ask Him to work in other's hearts too

Sing

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Edwin Hatch (1878)

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

Verse 1

Breathe on me breath of God
Fill me with life anew
That I may love what You would love
And do what You would do

Verse 2

Breathe on me breath of God
Until my heart is pure
Until my will is one with yours
To do and to endure

Verse 3

Breathe on me breath of God
So that I may be free
To live with You the perfect life
For all eternity

Verse 1

Breathe on me breath of God
Fill me with life a new
That I may love what You would love
And do what You would do



FRIDAY

Read Romans 6:3-4

Discuss

Now that we have reached Friday, we can finally answer this week's question: does the water in baptism actually wash away sin?

Think back over what we have seen. We have spoken of our sin, the need for atoning blood, the work of Christ, and the renewing work of the Spirit. Did water appear in any of that? No. Because our sins are too deep for water to touch. Sin is more than skin deep. Sin consumes our hearts. Water may cleanse the body, but only the blood of Christ can cleanse the soul.

So what does baptism do? Baptism is a public and outward sign of an inward reality. The washing of water signifies that our souls have been washed in the blood of Christ. It testifies that the Spirit has made us alive in Christ and given us a new heart.

Baptism also unites us with other Christians. Someone may be a believer before baptism, but baptism is the God-ordained way we declare our allegiance to Christ and our fellowship with His people. When we see someone baptized, we see a visible confession saying, "Jesus is Lord of my life." In this way, baptism joins us to the visible community of those who have made the same confession.

Baptism is about obedience, obedience to the God who has already saved you.

Discussion Questions

- Why are we baptized if the water doesn't change us?
- How are we saved?

Church History:

On August 22, 1433, Paul Craw (Pavel Kravar) is burned at the stake in Scotland. He was a Bohemian Hussite who agreed with the ideals of Jan Huss. He decried the abuses of the Roman Catholic Church and sought to restore biblical authority in the church. He was burned in Market Street before St. Andrews in Scotland for heresy. He would be the first martyr to be so burned in that nation. Nothing would restrain Paul from testifying to the power of the Gospel. In order to silence him, a brass ball is placed within his mouth as he burns so that he is unable to speak. Men like Paul kept the fire of the Gospel alive until the reformation.

About the Song:

This hymn reminds us that the whole church is built upon Jesus Christ alone. There is no other foundation for her except Him and His Word. He bought her with His blood and He will keep her to the end.

Pray

Thank God for the gift of the church.

Sing

The Churches One Foundation
S. J. Stone (1866)

THE CHURCHES ONE FOUNDATION

Verse 1:

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation,
By water and the word;
From Heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

Verse 2:

Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the Earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.

Verse 3:

'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forever more;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Verse 4:

O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee;
There, past the border mountains,
Where in sweet vales, the bride
With thee, by living fountains,
Forever shall abide!



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

