



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
09/8/25

Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 47: Does the Lord's Supper add anything to Christ's atoning work?

No, Christ died once for all. The Lord's Supper is a covenant meal celebrating Christ's atoning work; as it is also a means of strengthening our faith as we look to him, and a foretaste of the future feast. But those who take part with unrepentant hearts eat and drink judgment on themselves.

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 Hebrews 9:24-28

Discuss

How do you improve on something perfect? You can't. If something is perfect it is lacking in nothing.

Christ is the perfect Lamb of God. The perfect sacrifice. When Christ died upon the cross, He did so in a way that fully satisfied God's wrath for us. There is nothing lacking in His sacrifice. It paid for our sins completely.

This is BIG news! Reading the Old Testament you will see that sacrifices are mentioned on nearly every page. The people were always offering up new payment to God for their sins.

Christ brought an end to this. He did what the sacrificial system never could. He perfectly paid for all the sins of His people forever.

On the cross He already paid for the sins that you will commit tomorrow! Isn't that amazing! Christ has already paid for all of your sins for your whole life, if you are in Him.

This means that when Christ came down from the cross, the sacrifice was finished. He is not still up there paying for our sins. They have already been paid for in full. It also means that when we sin, we can quickly come to God for forgiveness because we are already forgiven. Because His sacrifice was perfect, we don't return to the cross to pay again. We run to the risen Christ, trusting that His blood has already covered us completely.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it important that Christ fully paid for sin?
- When you sin, do you try to hide it or come quickly to Christ?

Persecuted Church/Missions:

From Voice of the Martyrs on Azerbaijan: For many years now, churches have been denied the ability to register legally. Secret police attend and sometimes raid church meetings, which the government classifies as illegal. In 2015, the government published a list of banned religious books that included the Old Testament. Those caught with banned religious literature are fined. The government is tightening restrictions and often asks church leaders to submit lists of members' names. Some pastors and leaders feel this is an attempt to gather information for later use against church members or pastors. Many Christians faithfully share Christ with neighbors and family members despite legal pressure and possible fines.

About the song:

This modern song is a beautiful reminder that our perfect God always works perfectly. He never leaves anything unfinished. We can trust Him then to save us completely.

Pray

Praise God for being perfect and holy.

Sing

It is Finished

Nathan Stiff and David Zimmer
(2024)

IT IS FINISHED

VERSE 1

You looked into the endless void
The wonder yet to be
And in the dark Your ageless voice
Spread out the galaxies
A sea of stars before Your eyes
Your glory filled the newborn skies
And You said, "It is good"
And the earth bears witness
It is finished.

VERSE 2

You looked into the crucible
That burned with agony
You humbly chose the Father's will
And climbed to Calvary
Your blood for all my sin, poured out
Your final breath that shook the ground
And You said, "It is done"
And Your scars bear witness
It is finished

VERSE 3

I look into the holy place
And through the open veil
I see my risen King of Grace
Who pleads my pardon still
My healing in Your sacrifice
My name within Your wounds inscribed
And You say, "You are mine"
And Your love bears witness
It is finished

VERSE 4

I'll look into eternity
When sorrow's seas have dried
I'll see the Lamb who died for me
In beauty glorified
With open arms You'll bring me home
To bow in worship at Your throne
And You'll say, "Come and rest"
As my heart bears witness
It is finished



TUESDAY

Read Luke 22:19-20; Exodus 24:8

Discuss

Have you ever wondered why Christians have so many crosses? It seems a bit odd if we think about it. The cross is a symbol of death. To anyone in the first century, the cross would have been a reminder of brutal executions. So why do we hang one around our necks and put them on our walls?

Christ died upon the cross. If that was the end of the story, then it would be a very sad story indeed. But that isn't the end of the story! Christ did die, but He didn't stay dead. He rose from the grave on the third day. It is because of this, His resurrection, that we are forgiven.

Because of the resurrection we no longer fear death. Instead we rejoice in the life that Christ has won for us on the cross.

The cross that once reminded people of death has become a symbol of life for us. It was through His death on the cross that Christ paid for our sins. And it was through His resurrection afterwards that we are given everlasting life.

Communion is a celebration. A celebration of the covenant that we have entered through the blood of Christ. A celebration of His victory over sin. A celebration of the life He has given to us through His death. What a great joy this is!

Discussion Questions

- Do you have joy when you take communion?
- Why is it important to remember Christ's death AND resurrection rather than one or the other?

Apologetics:

Was God the Father cruel when He sent the Son to the cross? I don't think that a father killing his own son is a very kind or loving thing to do. This is a common concern for people. The problem is that this question fails to understand that the Father and Son are One in essence while being distinct persons. They are perfectly united in the Trinity so that they have the same mind and will. The Father sent the Son, and the Son chose to go. God Himself was the only sufficient sacrifice, so God sent Himself to the cross. This wasn't cosmic child sacrifice, this was the most personal and humble SELF sacrifice.

About the song:

This worship song has remained relatively popular for over a decade. The lyrics are filled with the truth of who Christ is, what He did, and the promise of His return. The music leads us with joy to remember the wonder of the empty grave.

Pray

Thank God for giving us the gift of eternal life

Sing

Glorious Day

J. Wilbur Chapman and Mark Hall
(2009)

GLORIOUS DAY (LIVING HE LOVED ME)

Verse 1:

One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin—
Dwelt among men, my example is He!

Chorus:

Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me;
Buried, He carried my sins far away;
Rising, He justified freely forever:
One day He's coming—O glorious day!

Verse 2:

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain,
One day they nailed Him to die on the tree;
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected;
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.

(Chorus)

Verse 3:

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,
One day the stone rolled away from the door;
Then He arose, over death He had conquered;
Now is ascended, my Lord evermore.

(Chorus)



WEDNESDAY

Read 1 Corinthians 10:16–17; Acts 2:42

Discuss

I live a long way away from my family. If I want to visit them it will usually take about 4-7 hours of flying, 27 hours of driving, and covers 1,800 miles. I miss my family a lot and it is hard to see them. Whenever I do get the chance to see them, my love and care for them becomes that much deeper.

Communion does a similar thing. After a long and difficult week or month, we gather together to quiet our hearts and be reminded in a tangible way of the sacrifice of Christ. Just as a visit home strengthens my love for my family, communion strengthens my faith in Christ.

The Gospel is not something that we move on from as Christians. As we go through life and grow and mature, we don't need to advance from the Gospel. Rather we need to be reminded of the grace of God again and again. Our faith is strengthened and renewed as our hearts kneel again before the cross.

“For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me.” John 6:55-56

The food and refreshment our souls need is found in Christ as we feast upon His Word and are reminded of our unity with Him in communion.

Discussion Questions

- Do you find your faith being strengthened in communion?
- How can you find joy “feasting” on Christ?

Original Languages Word:

נֶפֶשׁ

Nephesh (neh-fe-sh) – soul, life, spirit

This Hebrew word is used throughout the Bible. When God breathes into man, man becomes a living creature (nephesh). The nephesh of man is the part of him that unites the physical body with God who is spirit. It is the nephesh that contains the whole emotional life of man, this breath of God within us that God restores to Himself.

then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living **creature** (nephesh). (Genesis 2:7)

About the Song:

What deep love of Jesus would lead Him to sacrifice Himself for us while we were still sinners? This song leads us to meditate on this marvelous reality and to rejoice because of it.

Pray

Pray for those you know who are not saved

Sing

Come Christians Join To Sing
Christian H. Bateman (1843)

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

Verse 1:

Come, Christians, join to sing,
Alleluia, Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King,
Alleluia, Amen!
Let all with heart and voice
Before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice;
Alleluia, Amen!

Verse 2:

Come, lift your hearts on high;
Alleluia, Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia, Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end;
Alleluia, Amen!

Verse 3:

Praise yet the Lord again;
Alleluia, Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia, Amen!
On Heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forever more,
ALLELUIA, AMEN!



THURSDAY

Read Isaiah 25:6-9

Discuss

Recently I had a major event in my life. I had been looking forward to it with nerves and anticipation for weeks. I had prepared and worked hard for it. The night before the event I went to bed earlier than usual in order to get plenty of rest. I laid down, closed my eyes, and... did not fall asleep. My mind was racing. I was filled with anticipation for the day ahead. Looking forward with excitement.

God has given us many promises throughout Scripture, promises that fill us with joy and hope for the future. When the clouds of life threaten to overwhelm our soul, the light of God's promises break through leading us onward with hope for the future.

The greatest of these promises for us is that there is a coming day when all that is wrong and broken in this world will be made right. There is a day coming when every broken relationship will be restored, every tear wiped away, and every sorrow swallowed up in joy. There is a coming day when there won't even be any more sunburns, for the glory of the Lord will the light around us.

This promised day is still in the future, it feels like a long ways away. But it is this hope that drives us day by day.

Communion gives us a taste of that future. Sure, our bodily sorrows are still here. But when we gather together as a united body to remember our Lord, we see a glimmer of what the future holds when we will all be before Him praising Him forevermore. Communion is not the full feast, it is just the appetizer of eternal glory.

Discussion Questions

- What are ways that you remember the hope we have in Christ?
- What specific promises of God do you look to for joy?

Important Theological Term:

Eschatology is the study of the end times. It is the study of what will happen in the future, how and when Christ will return, and how His promises will be fulfilled. There are A LOT of different view on this! Some people think that studying eschatology is a waste of time, why not focus on the life we have now rather than worrying about the future? The reality is that eschatology should give us hope. Studying the future reminds us of the promises God has given and leads to to have a greater anticipation for Him and His promises.

About the Song:

This is one of the most hope filled songs that I have ever heard. We are reminded that it is because of what Christ did on the cross that we have the hope of a glorious future with Him. On that day we will see Him face to face and be filled with overwhelming joy and unsurpassed peace.

Pray

Thank God for the future promises He has given.

Sing

On that Day
CityAlight (2022)

ON THAT DAY

Verse 1

I believe in Christ, risen from the dead
He now reigns victorious, His kingdom knows no end
Through His resurrection death has lost its hold
I know on that final day I'll rise as Jesus rose

Chorus

On that day we will see you shining brighter than the sun
On that day we will know you as we lift our voice as one
Till that day we will praise you for your never ending grace
And we will keep on singing on that glorious day

Verse 2

What a blessed hope, though now tired and worn
We will spend eternity around our Saviour's throne
Though we grieve our losses we grieve not in vain
For we know our crown of glory waits beyond the grave

(Chorus)

Bridge x2

Hallelujah what a day it will be
For at home with you my joy is complete
As I run into your arms open wide I will see
My father who is waiting for me

(Chorus x2)



FRIDAY

Read 1 Corinthians 11:27-34; Hebrews 10:26-31

Discuss

How should we approach communion? What should our attitude and mindset be? Let's think about three main postures of our hearts when we come to the Lord's table: somber, celebratory, and repentant.

First, we should be somber. Communion is a time to remember what Christ did, that He truly died for us. As we remember this we must also remember that it was our very own sins that killed Him.

Yet while we are somber over our sins, we should also be filled with joy. We do not only mourn His death; we rejoice in His victory, proclaiming together that death has lost its sting. This is a time of celebration because Christ truly freed us from our sins through His death and resurrection! We should rejoice in the victory won.

All of this is to be done with a repentant heart. When Isaiah saw the Lord, he cried out in terror and fell on his face, certain that he would be struck down for his sins. When we partake in the Lord's supper, we are coming before God. As we do so, we should ask ourselves, "Is there any sin that I have not turned from yet?"

Paul wrote a strong warning, telling the Corinthians that some have DIED because they had not repented of their sin before taking communion. If there is sin in our lives that we know of, why would we not repent of it before such a sweet time of fellowship with our Lord?

Discussion Questions

- Do you have unconfessed sin you need to turn from today?

Church History:

On September 12th, 1782, the young US congress officially endorsed the publication of an English Bible in America. This came as Robert Aitken petitioned congress for a Bible to be printed in America and not restricted by imports. He offered to print this Bible at his own expense. Congress wrote that they, "highly approve the pious and laudable undertaking of Mr. Aitken, as subservient to the interest of religion . . . in this country, and . . . they recommend this edition of the bible to the inhabitants of the United States." This made the printed Bible much cheaper and easily accessed than ever before in American history.

About the Song:

This little known hymn boldly proclaims the truth of salvation. In it we draw near to rejoice the work of God in saving us. We are reminded that it is a good thing that only God saves is.

Pray

Praise God for the hope of eternity.

Sing

Jesus Shall Reign
Isaac Watts (1719)

JESUS SHALL REIGN

Verse 1:

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Verse 2:

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

Verse 3:

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Verse 4:

Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.



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!



REGISTER NOW



CBC Children's Choir

We are excited to announce the first CBC Children's Choir for children 2nd-6th grade!

Practices will be held every Wednesday starting September 17th, from 5:30-6:15pm (just before AWANA).

Register at: calvaryleavenworth.com/choir



"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

