



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
10/20/25

Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 52: What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.

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>

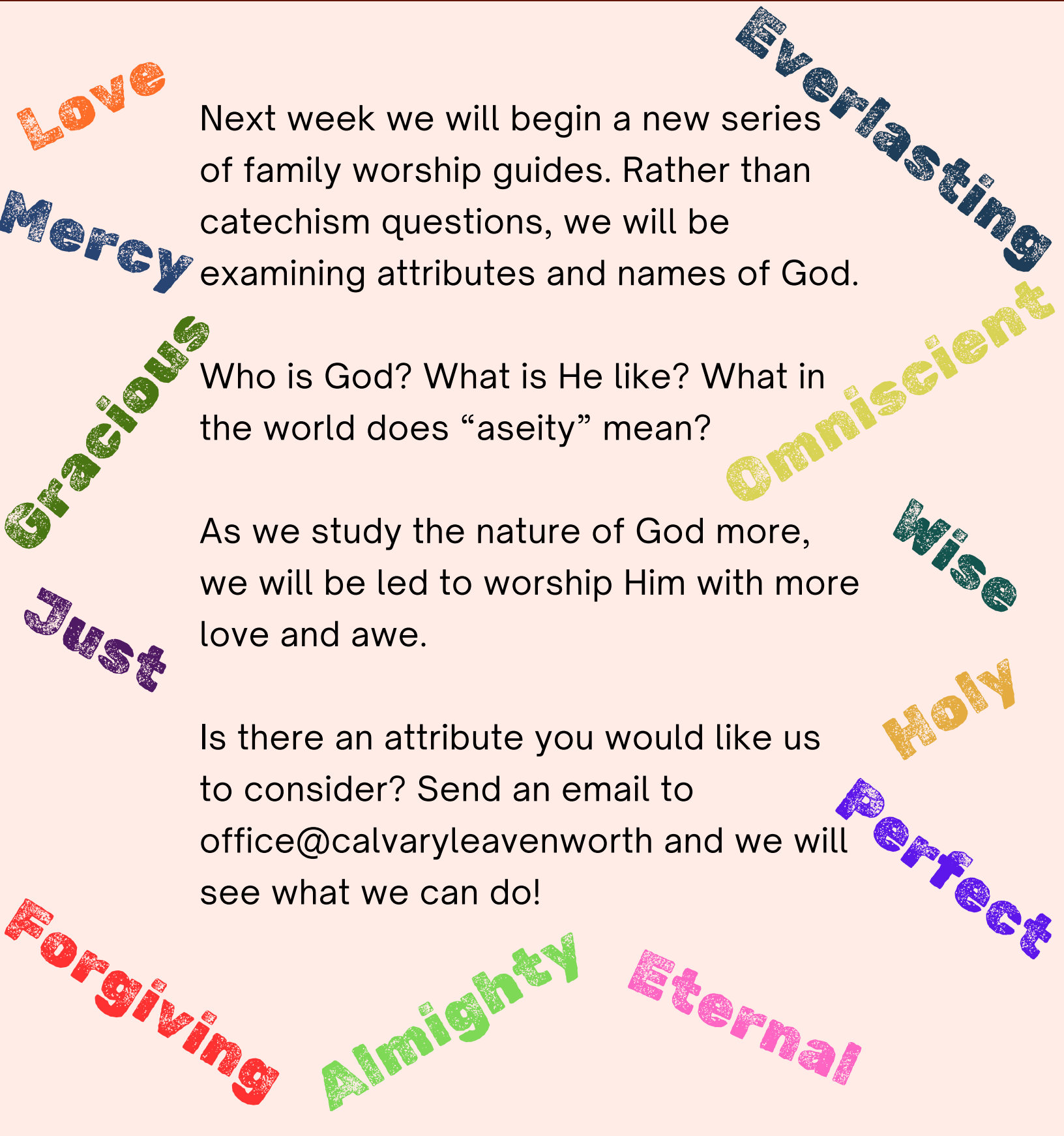
NEW SERIES!

Next week we will begin a new series of family worship guides. Rather than catechism questions, we will be examining attributes and names of God.

Who is God? What is He like? What in the world does “aseity” mean?

As we study the nature of God more, we will be led to worship Him with more love and awe.

Is there an attribute you would like us to consider? Send an email to office@calvaryleavenworth and we will see what we can do!



EXTRA DEVOTIONAL!

This is our last week in the New City Catechism! Because of that there is an extra devotional for this weekend! Please take the time to stop and reflect on this simple study.

MONDAY

Read Romans 8:18–25

Discuss

A few years ago I preached a message to a group of men going through a difficult time. I chose a passage that was out of the ordinary, Genesis 3, the fall. In this passage I talked about the mercy of God in the midst of the curse.

One point of mercy that we discussed was the mercy of God in letting man die...

That is a strange mercy, isn't it? But imagine if we never died. If we lived eternally never fully healed, never free from decay or temptation. but never the release from sin. In His mercy, God lets us be freed from fallen bodies.

This world is not the end. These bodies with all of their problems are not the end. All creation is growing with hope and eager expectation of the coming day when the shackles of sin fallenness will be removed forever.

Isn't that a precious hope? As we go through life, as our bodies get old, as we get injured and sick, as we see devastation and tragedies all around, as we endure all of this we look forward to the day when all of this will pass away and the new will come.

Eternity gives us hope, because we know our weariness has an end. Someday everything that is wrong will be made right.

Discussion Questions

- What are some unexpected mercies of God?
- What future hope encourages you now?
- How does this change how we live?

Persecuted Church/Missions:

Comoros is a small island nation off the east coast of Africa. The state religion is Sunni Islam, publicly sharing any other faith is a criminal act and highly illegal. Only 5% of the population, about 5,500 people, are Christian. Foreign Christians who are caught evangelizing are quickly deported while local Christians are prosecuted and imprisoned. The state only recognizes three churches in the entire country, worshipping outside of these official churches or in public will result in legal punishment. Even owning a Bible, cross, or other Christian item can result in legal and social pressure and persecution. Those who convert from Islam face imprisonment, being cast from their homes, and beatings.

About the song:

This hymn declares our hope that Christ would shine through us. The hymn reminds us that so long as we are here, our purpose is to bring glory to God through Christ.

Pray

Thank God for His hidden mercies that we don't always see clearly

Sing

Christ Be All

Kevin King & Andrew Murray
(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]

[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



TUESDAY

Read Psalm 16:11, 27:4

Discuss

Did you know that some people think heaven will be boring? They think that we will all spend eternity sitting on little clouds with harps. They hear that and think that that doesn't sound like very much fun.

And you know what, I think they're right! If heaven is just sitting around for eternity listening to harp music, that WOULD be boring.

But heaven is not like that. Heaven is not only filled with old fuddy-duddies and white haired women knitting.

Heaven is filled with the glory of the eternal God! God is glorious and majestic and wonderful beyond our imagination and comprehension.

In heaven, we will see the immeasurable graces of God in full display and the unreachable heights of His glory.

Here we will spend eternity learning more and more about our God. Exploring the ever increasing and inexhaustible depths of His grace.

When you look into a diamond you see light reflecting and refracting from it's many faces and surfaces, shimmering and exposing new arrays of beauty with every turn. So too with God we will spend eternity gazing on upon God's glory, discovering ever more wonders and measures of His beauty.

Discussion Questions

- Does this picture of eternity sound lovely?
- In what ways do we "learn" in heaven?

Apologetics:

Is Christianity "boring?" Like we saw with heaven, Christianity can be boring if you misunderstand it. To many Christianity seems like a list of rules that you have to keep. They think that it is restrictive and takes the fun out of life. In reality, Christianity is about seeing the beauty of God. Christianity isn't about ignoring the pleasures of the world, it is about seeing God as more beautiful and glorious than what the world offers. It is about seeing God as all beautiful, all lovely, all glorious, all satisfying. As we are captivated by His beauty, the "rules" are no longer a heavy burden, but rather a joyful responsibility.

About the song:

This modern hymn brings us to consider the beauty of God. Yes, God is righteous and holy and just, and merciful and... All His attributes when looked at together are overwhelmingly beautiful!

Pray

Praise God for His beauty

Sing

The King In All His Beauty
Matt Boswell and Matt Papa
(2015)

THE KING IN ALL HIS BEAUTY

Verse 1

O lift your eyes to heaven, see
The Holy One eternal
Behold the Lord of majesty
Exalted in His temple
As symphonies of angels praise
Now strain to sound His glory
Come worship, fall before His grace
The King in all His beauty

Chorus

How worthy, how worthy, how worthy
The King in all His beauty

Verse 2

Now see the King who wears a crown
One made of shame and splinters
The sacrifice for ruined man
The substitute for sinners
As earth is stained with royal blood
And quakes with love and fury
He breathes His last and bows His head
The King in all His beauty

Verse 3

Now see the Savior lifted up
The Lamb who reigns in splendor
The hope of every tribe and tongue
His kingdom is forever!
Bring praise and honor to His courts
Bring wisdom, power, blessing
For endless ages we'll adore
The King in all His beauty



WEDNESDAY

Read 1 John 3:1–3

Discuss

Christ saved me from the penalty of sin on the cross. His sacrifice saved me from the judgement of sin. No in this life I have been freed from the power of sin. Overtime as the Spirit works in me, I sin a little bit less than I used to. However, I do still sin. Everywhere around me sin lingers on the edges of my vision, hindering my holiness and dampening my joy.

Eternity is a beautiful hope for the Christian, because when we get to eternity, the very presence of sin will be gone.

Think about that for a moment! Every day I have to come to God and confess certain sins that I have done. Maybe I was angry, or lied, or said something I shouldn't have. He has already forgiven me, but I still sinned against Him and that rightly wears heavy on me. In eternity, I will never ever EVER have to confess my sin again because I will never ever EVER sin again!

Everyday I celebrate little victories over sin. Temptation I said no to, words I chose not to say, praying rather than getting angry. In eternity I will never have to celebrate a new victory over sin. My heart will never again even desire the wickedness of sin.

The battle is hard here. Put in that holy sweat as you wage war against the sin in your heart! But as you do, know that the war against sin will come to an end.

Discussion Questions

- Is Christ's work now comforting for you?
- What would you talk to Christ about if you were walking with Him in the garden?

Original Languages Word:

ἁμαρτία

Hamartia (ha-mar-tia)- sin

Hamartia is the Greek word most often used of sin, over 170 times. Sin is any transgression of the law of God. Sin comes as naturally as breathing, but utterly condemns us and separates us from the love of God. God in His mercy sent His Son to atone for this sin.

“He made Him who knew no sin (ἁμαρτίαν) to be sin (ἁμαρτίαν) on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” 2 Corinthians 5:21

“And He Himself bore our sins (τὰς ἁμαρτίας) in His body on the tree, so that having died to sins (ταῖς ἁμαρτίαις) we might live to righteousness; by His wounds you were healed.” 1 Peter 2:24

About the Song:

How is it that we gain through the death of Christ? What an amazing love and grace that God Himself died for us to live. That we should be freed through Him.

Pray

Pray for God to help you love Him more than your sin

Sing

And Can it Be
Charles Wesley (1738)

AND CAN IT BE

Verse 1:

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Refrain:

Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

Verse 2:

'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.

[Refrain]

Verse 3:

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.

[Refrain]

Verse 4:

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

[Refrain]

Verse 5:

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

[Refrain]



THURSDAY

Read Isaiah 65:17-19

Discuss

One of the most well known stories in Genesis is the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. God destroyed these two cities for their uniquely vile sins. To do this, God sent brimstone and fire upon the cities. This judgement was so severe and so extreme that the marks still remain on the land. The region where Sodom and Gomorrah once were is now likely the location of the Dead Sea, a body of water that is too this day entirely inhospitable to life.

Why do I tell you this? Because it has been around 4,000 years since the judgement of Sodom. 4,000 years yet the scar of God's judgement remains on the earth. But there is a coming day when every scar and stain of sin on the whole world will be wiped away.

God is going to make a new heaven and a new earth. What is here, marked and stained by sin, will be done away with. It will be new and pure.

No more tornados, no more forest fires that consume towns, no more earthquakes and tsunamis.

In the new heaven and the new earth the knowledge of God will cover the earth as the water does the sea. What a day that will be!

Discussion Questions

- What are some ways that this world is broken?
- In what ways will the new heaven be "new"?

Important Theological Term:

Cosmic Redemption is a very important theological term and category. In Genesis 3, all of creation received the curse of God. Everything was broken: plants, animals, tectonic plates, and even the stars above. All of creation is groaning and yearning to be restored. The world never sinned, yet it was subjected to the curse with Adam. Christ's redemption of us is good news for ALL of creation, because it means that as we are restored from sin creation will be restored from the curse that was laid upon it. All of creation will be restored to perfection. Creation rejoices at our redemption, because it is restored and redeemed with us.

About the Song:

This is an older hymn that isn't sung in our church very often. The lyrics lead us to look forward to the day when we are brought home to God. We are reminded of how perfect that will be.

Pray

Thank God for His promises of the future new heaven and earth

Sing

For All the Saints
Samuel Stennett (1787)

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Verse 1:

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who Thee by faith before the world confessed;
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse 2:

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse 3:

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse 4:

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse 5:

But then there breaks a still more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse 6:

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
in praise of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia!



FRIDAY

Read Isaiah 11:6-9; Romans 8:20-22

Discuss

Friends, today we end our study through the New City Catechism. We have been studying this for a whole year! Today, I want us to be captivated by the promise of eternity.

In heaven, all of creation will be renewed. Our bodies restored. The world mended. Our hearts totally cleaned.

Around the throne of God we won't have any scar remaining. The only tears in our eyes will be of overwhelming joy, and His own hand will wipe them away.

Around the throne you will see generations that have gone before you and come after you. Mothers will once again see and know their children who they have been separated from by the grave for years. Fathers will hold their sons with joy.

Creation itself will blossom with new and perfect order. The lion shall lay down with the lamb. Weeds shall vanish from gardens. Thorns will no longer infest the ground.

Unimaginable beauty will light up our eyes. Rainbows with brighter and living colors illuminating the sky, a reminder that God's wrath is never to return.

The sound of the birds, the smell of flowers, the taste of streams of living water never growing old. Feasting on the sweet mana of heaven eternally. Oh what a day. We long for that day. We hope for that day. That day, secured for us in Christ our loving, perfect Savior.

Discussion Questions

- What are some ways that creation will be renewed? Does this give you hope?

Church History:

On October 24, 1648, the treaty of Westphalia was signed. This treaty officially ended the 30 years war. That war was a brutal match between protestant kingdoms and Catholic kingdoms, each trying to force their religious views on the other. Millions died, famine covered the continent, and suffering abounded. The treaty allowed for each kingdom to have its own religion, allowing for protestant kingdoms to border Catholic ones without fear of war. This treaty reshaped the entire world. While the tension between Protestantism and Catholicism remained high, the wars of religion were over and peace flourished for a time allowing the Gospel to go forward more freely.

About the Song:

This classic hymn ignites our minds to consider the holiness of God. It is this holiness that must become beautiful and captivating to our minds. It is this that we shall praise eternally.

Pray

Praise God for the promises of the renewed creation

Sing

Holy, Holy, Holy
Reginald Heber (1826)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Verse 1:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Verse 2:

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,
Who was and is and evermore shall be.

Verse 3:

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Verse 4:

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All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
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WEEKEND

Read John 3:16–18; Romans 3:23–24, 5:8, 6:23, 10:9–10; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 2:8–9; 1 Peter 3:18

Discuss

After a whole year, we have finished the New City Catechism. It was a long journey that led us through many different topics.

As we come to the end, I don't want us to have missed the forest as we examined the trees. What was the point of this long study? Why consider all of these things?

Imagine all of these questions as simply different parts and implications of the Gospel. Each week's question helps us understand the Gospel better.

That God is holy and righteous. His law is perfect. But each of us in our sin has rebelled against Him. We all stand guilty of His law and deserve eternal punishment.

In His mercy God sent His own Son who, though God, lived a perfect human life. He didn't deserve death but chose to die for us. Through His death and resurrection, He atoned for all the sins of His people and redeems us.

Through faith alone in Him, we are saved. Freed from sin and punishment and brought into the promises of eternity.

This simple message changes our whole lives. It fills us with a hope that is immeasurable and leads us to live lives that please Him because we love Him. What good news!

Discussion Questions

- Do you believe in the Good News?
- How does the Gospel change how you live?
- How can you share the Gospel with those around you?

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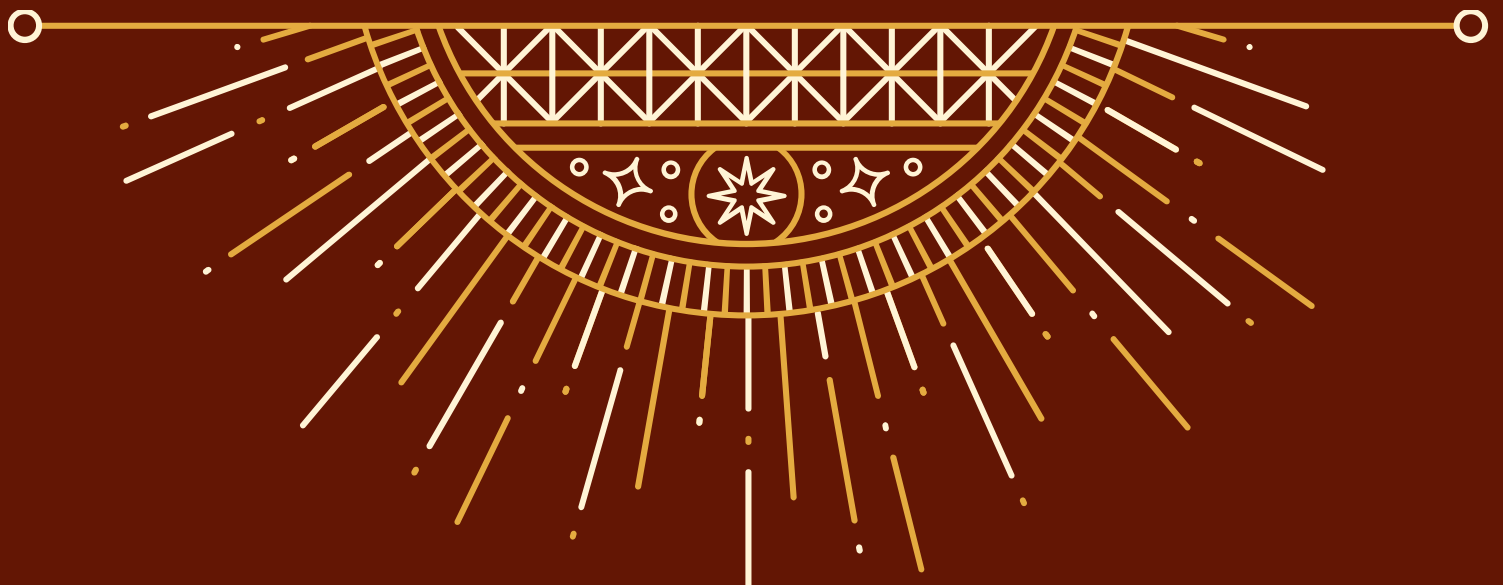


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REFORMATION HYMN SING

10.24.25 | 6:30pm

GRACE ALONE | FAITH ALONE | CHRIST ALONE |
SCRIPTURE ALONE | GLORY OF GOD ALONE



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**Thursday, October 23rd
9:30am until we run out of food**

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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

