



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
1/25/26

Home Worship Guide

Attributes of God

The Grace of God

God's grace is why we even have the hope of salvation in the first place. It is only by God's grace that He would send His Son to die on a cross and raise 3 days later. Even if God never did that, He would still be good and holy. So let's embark this week on this important topic of God's grace.

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

Great Grace!

Read: Ephesians 2:8-9

What does “Grace” mean? Well, “Grace” is a gift of forgiveness that God gives to those who have faith in Jesus Christ’s life, death, and resurrection. As Ephesians 2:8-9 tells us, to be saved, we must receive grace from God. We need this grace due to our sin separating us from God. We have no access to God due to our sin, but through the grace of God, we can be saved.

But how do we receive this grace? It has to do with “Faith.” We cannot receive God’s grace through faith in anything other than Jesus. We might have faith in how good we behave. Maybe you believe that you are a “good enough person” to be in good spiritual standing with God. Or maybe you believe that because you go to church, or even serve at church, you can receive grace. To quote the apostle Paul, “May it never be!” There is nothing you can do to receive God’s grace other than have faith in His Son, Jesus Christ.

You may be wondering what the difference is between grace and mercy. As stated, grace is a gift that you don’t deserve, while mercy is withholding a punishment that you do deserve. For instance, let’s say you stole a dollar from me and I found out. If I show you grace, I will forgive you and let you keep the dollar without paying it back. It would be a gift to you. If I show you mercy, I would also not tell the police that you stole money from me. Grace is a gift, while mercy is not getting what you deserve. We need both from God to spend eternal life with Him.

Discussion Questions:

- Describe grace in your own words.
- Why is grace important concerning salvation?

Pray

That God would show you grace and mercy.

Sing

Grace Greater than Our Sin

Lyrics: Julia Johnston

Music: Daniel Towner

GRACE GREATER THAN ALL OUR SINS

Verse 1:

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain:

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will
pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is
greater than all out sin.

Verse 2:

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
threaten the soul with infinite loss,
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Verse 3:

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
freely bestowed on all who believe;
all who are longing to see His face,
will you this moment His grace receive?



TUESDAY

Made Perfect in Our Weakness

2 Corinthians 12:9

This verse comes during an explanation from Paul about his “thorn in the flesh” that was given to him from God. This thorn in the flesh was a great pain to Paul. It caused him to be disturbed enough to ask God to remove this pain from him on multiple occasions.

However, God used this weakness of Paul's to glorify Himself. It was the grace of God that met the need of Paul in his distress. Paul didn't need to be rid of his pain; he only needed to lean into the grace of God to find His peace in the midst of a situation that brought Paul discomfort.

Is there something in your life that is causing you pain? Maybe you've cried out to God about it many times, yet God allows this pain to persist in your life. It could be that God allows this pain in your life to make His power evident in your life. Maybe your pain is more about the glory of God than it is about you. Take comfort in the grace of God, that He can satisfy you in every need. There is no pain that His grace cannot provide a salve to.

Paul's response to this wonderful truth is to glorify the Lord by praising God for his weakness. Wow! When was the last time any of us thanked God for a low bank account balance, our back pain, or the dissolving of a friendship? God's grace can be made perfect through our weaknesses. Thank God today for the many blessings and “thorns” He's given you. His grace truly is sufficient and His power is made perfect in your weakness.

Discussion Question

What are some biblical examples of God's power being made perfect in weakness?

Pray

Thank God for something today.

Sing

I Surrender All

Lyrics: Judson Van DeVenter
Music: Winfield S. Weeden

I SURRENDER ALL

Verse 1:

All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

Chorus:

I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

Verse 2:

All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me Jesus, take me now

Verse 3:

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.



WEDNESDAY

Throne of Grace

Hebrews 4:16

We serve the King of kings and Lord of lords. He is the highest, most magnificent, and most deserving of praise. One does not simply approach the throne of a king with confidence. If you're going to approach the throne of a king, you would want to do so with humility and meekness. You would need to know your place and play your part well, otherwise you might offend the king and get into deep trouble with the king.

The author of Hebrews tells us something unique. Not only are we permitted to approach the throne of the King of kings, but we can do so with confidence. Why would we want to draw near the throne? So that we can "receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." It is at the foot of the throne of Christ where we receive the very grace by which we can approach the throne with confidence. We approach that throne on our knees in prayer. You can approach the throne in your time of need to feel the presence of God in your life when you need to feel it the most.

We all have hurts and fears. It's hard to deal with these hurts and fears on our own. But the good news is that we don't have to! We have a throne of grace that we can approach with confidence. What a comfort it is to know that we serve a God that has provided himself seated on a throne called "Grace" in which he freely delivers grace to those who are bold enough to approach and receive that grace.

Discussion Questions:

What might be a good reason to draw near to the throne of grace?

Pray

Take any fears, hurts, or sin to God today to receive His grace.

Sing

*Before the Throne of God
Above*
Lyrics by Charitie Lees Smith

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 of 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.



THURSDAY

Be Near to Grace to Get Grace

Romans 5:20-21

The OT Law that was given at Sinai was not given to make more rules and make it complicated to love God. It was added to God's people to prove how fully and completely sinful mankind is. That is how the law "increased the trespass," by simply highlighting the sinful nature of mankind that already existed. Then enters God's grace. We are in absolute need of God's grace. The law has proven this. We cannot be in a right relationship with God without His grace to bridge the gap between our sinful nature and His holiness.

Sin rules in death, but grace rules in Jesus! It's natural to fear death. It used to keep me up at night as a kid. What will death be like? Is Heaven for real? Do I just turn into nothing? Death, for the believer, is a blessing. It's called the eternal rest for a reason. We get the privilege of resting for eternity with the Savior. On the cross, Jesus said to the thief, "Today you will be with me in paradise." We will be in paradise with the Savior as soon as we die. Death has no claim on us! There is no fear to be had with death.

"If you want to get warm you must stand near the fire. If you want to be wet, you must get into the water. If you want joy, power, peace, eternal life, you must get close to, or even into, the thing that has them." - C.S. Lewis "Mere Christianity"

If we want the grace of God, we must know and be near the God who has the grace that we so desperately need. Living our lives devoid of God is to live a life devoid of eternal grace.

Discussion Questions:

What fears about death or eternity do you still struggle with?

Pray

Thank God for His law and His grace.

Sing

Amazing Grace

By: John Newton

AMAZING GRACE

Verse 1:

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

Verse 2:

Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Verse 3:

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

Verse 4:

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Verse 5:

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

Verse 6:

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine.



FRIDAY

God of all Grace

1 Peter 5:10-11

This verse comes in the midst of Peter's closing thoughts to his audience in 1 Peter. Peter's last thoughts are to be sober-minded and watchful because the adversary the devil is going to hunt you like a lion to seek to destroy you. This is one way we will suffer on this side of glory. But never fear! For we serve the God of all grace who can restore our strength when we've resisted the devil for a long time. Being firm in your faith is no small task, yet this is our calling. Choosing to believe that God loves you and is with you, even when it doesn't feel like it in the moment, is going to exhaust you.

This is why we must rely on our God of all grace to restore our faith when our gas tank is empty. God will give you the spiritual strength to soldier on as a soldier in His army. We have an eternity of this type of spiritual renewal, as we are called "to His eternal glory in Christ." Praise be to God that we can rely on Him when the going gets tough.

As 1 Peter 5:10 is about the strength and renewal that God give each of us, verse 11 speaks specifically how glory and honor is for God and God alone for all eternity. His might and perfection is what we glorify Him for. It is because He is the most worthy to exercise dominion over all creation for all eternity that we praise Him.

Discussion Questions:

How does recognizing God's dominion shape the way we worship Him?

Pray

Thank God for His grace that renews your spiritual strength when we are weak.

Sing

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

By: Robert Robinson

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Verse 1:

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

Verse 2:

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

Verse 3:

Oh that day when freed from sinning
I shall see thy lovely face
clothed then in the blood washed linen
how I'll sing thy wondrous grace
Come my Lord no longer tarry
Take my ransomed soul away
send thine angels now to carry
me to realms of endless day.

Verse 4:

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.





**6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so
walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in
the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in
thanksgiving.
Colossians 2:6-7**

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10:00am



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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

