



Calvary  
Baptist Church

For the week of:  
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# Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 24: Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

# 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. It is expected that parents will be teaching 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 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.

# MONDAY

## Read Isaiah 53

### Discuss

Our grief. Our sorrows. Our iniquities.

When Christ died upon the cross, He died in our place, not because He had done anything deserving of death. He was our substitution. He took our place.

We all sin. Because of that we have a debt that needs paid, but we are unable to pay it ourselves. Jesus Christ, in His love and mercy and kindness, came and took our place. He stood between us and God and chose to willingly received on Himself all of the wrath and punishment that was meant for us.

When I was little my brother and I would get into trouble a lot. We would do naughty things and eventually mom and dad would ask us who did it. One time my brother and I had tried to baptize the cat. Both of us had through that this was a great idea, until the cat went screaming and running. While both of us were guilty, when we stood before our parents my brother told them that it was all his idea and I had followed him. He took all the punishment I deserved. Christ did a similar thing. The difference is that my brother really was guilty, but Christ was not.

### Discussion Questions

- Has anyone ever taken your place when you did something wrong?
- What have you done that Christ needed to take your place for?
- Was there any way you could avoid punishment from God on your own?

#### Sing

*Come behold the Wondrous  
Mystery*

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, And  
Michael Bleecker

#### Pray

Thank Jesus for taking your place  
and dying for you

# COME BEHOLD THE WONDEROUS MYSTERY

## Verse 1:

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness  
Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ, who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

## Verse 2:

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living, in His suffering  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law; in Him we stand

## Verse 3:

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured, love untold

## Verse 4:

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him  
Praise the Lord; He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when he comes

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# TUESDAY

## Read Romans 6:1-14

### Discuss

We have talked a lot in the past about the penalty of sin. And it is important to talk about the penalty of sin.

Take a moment and describe in your own words what the penalty of sin is. How is sin punished?

Jesus sets us free from that penalty! He removes us from the condemnation of eternal death and instead brings us into everlasting life. This is a great thing! But there is more.

When we were separated from Christ, we were slaves to sin. Everything we did was either outright sinful, or was done from a heart that desired something other than the worship of God.

Christ sets us free from the power of sin, so that we no longer have to sin. If you are in Christ, He has given you everything you need so that no temptation is ever so strong that you are forced to sin.

The chains of sin have been broken. Christ is risen and He is victorious. In Him there is true freedom.

### Discussion Questions

- When we are tempted where should we turn for help?
- What does it look like to turn to Christ in temptations?
- Do you believe that Christ gives you the power to not have to sin?

### Sing

*Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy*  
Joseph Hart

### Pray

Thank God for providing the way of escape from every temptation.

# COME YE SINNERS POOR AND NEEDY

Verse 1:

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,  
weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
full of pity, love, and pow'r.

Verse 2:

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify;  
true belief and true repentance,  
every grace that brings you nigh.

Verse 3:

Let not conscience make you linger,  
nor of fitness fondly dream;  
all the fitness He requireth  
is to feel your need of Him.

Verse 4:

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
lost and ruined by the fall;  
if you tarry till you're better,  
you will never come at all.

Verse 5:

Lo! th'incarnate God, ascended,  
pleads the merit of His blood;  
venture on Him, venture wholly;  
let no other trust intrude.



# WEDNESDAY

**Read Ephesians 1:7**

## **Discuss**

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.”

Because Jesus died for us, we are forgiven.

What is forgiveness? First, let’s think about what forgiveness is NOT. Forgiveness is not saying you forgave someone, but holding bitterness in your heart to them. Forgiveness is not bringing up former sins at every opportunity. Forgiveness is not making the other person work to make amends.

“as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.” Psalm 103:12

Imagine you start walking west. You walk so far you circle the entire world. That’s a long ways! If you walked in a straight line going west, you would never end up going east! You could walk for the rest of time and never walk going east. (If this is confusing, take out a globe and see what I mean). Scripture says that is how far God removes and forgives our sins! It’s impossible for them to ever be brought to His mind again because His Son has so completely removed them.

## **Discussion Questions**

- Is the forgiveness of Christ something you think about much?
- How does being forgiven make you feel about Christ?
- If we have been so forgiven from our sins, how should we treat others?

### **Sing**

*Here is Love*  
William Rees

### **Pray**

Ask God to forgive your sins because of what Jesus has done.

# HERE IS LOVE

## Verse 1:

Here is love, vast as the ocean,  
Loving-kindness as the flood;  
When the Prince of Life, my ransom,  
Shed for me his precious blood.  
Who his love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing his praise?  
He shall never be forgotten,  
Through Heav'n's everlasting days

## Verse 2:

On the mount of crucifixion,  
Fountains opened deep and wide,  
Through the flood-gates of God's mercy,  
Flowed the vast and gracious tide;  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers  
Poured incessant from above,  
And God's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love.

## Verse 3:

Let me all your love accepting,  
Love you, ever all my days;  
Let me seek your kingdom only  
And my life be to your praise;  
You alone will be my glory,  
Nothing in the world I see;  
You have cleansed and sanctified me,  
You have loved and set me free.

## Verse 4:

In your truth you will direct me  
By your Spirit, thru' your Word;  
And your grace my need is meeting,  
As I trust in you, my Lord.  
All your fulness you are pouring  
From your endless wells above,  
Without measure, full and boundless  
As I yield myself in love.





# THURSDAY

## Read 2 Corinthians 5:21

### Discuss

God forgives us of our sins. That is a great thing. But if He only took away our dirty rags, we'd be standing naked! We need more than for Him to remove our unrighteousness. We need Him to clothe us in His righteousness too! And that is exactly what He did on the cross.

When we look at the cross, we often think about Jesus taking our sins on Himself. And that's true! But when He took our sins upon Himself He also gave to us His own righteousness. So when the Father looked at the Son, He saw our sins. But when the Father looks at us, He sees the same clothes His Son wore, bright and pure and righteous.

This is a fancy word called "imputation." Imputation means to attribute to something. Our sins were imputed (attributed) to Christ on the cross, and His righteousness was imputed (attributed) to us.

This is why we are sons and daughters of God! It isn't our righteousness that saves us, it is Christ's. We are loved by the Father because the Father loves His Son. Now, because of the cross, when the Father looks at us, He sees His Son.

### Discussion Questions

- Why do you think that it is important for Jesus to have given you His righteousness?
- Is there any way you could have made yourself righteous?

#### Sing

*Not in Me*

Eric Schumacher and David  
Ward

#### Pray

Thank Jesus for giving you His  
righteousness.

# NOT IN ME

## Verse 1:

No list of sins I have not done,  
No list of virtues I pursue,  
No list of those I am not like  
Can earn myself a place with You.  
O God, be merciful to me—  
I am a sinner through and through!  
My only hope of righteousness  
Is not in me, but only You.

## Verse 2:

No humble dress, no fervent prayer,  
No lifted hands, no tearful song,  
No recitation of the truth  
Can justify a single wrong.  
My righteousness is Jesus' life, m  
My debt was paid by Jesus' death,  
My weary load was borne by Him  
And He alone can give me rest.

## Verse 3:

No separation from the world,  
No work I do, no gift I give  
Can cleanse my conscience, cleanse my hands;  
I cannot cause my soul to live.  
But Jesus died and rose again—  
The power of death is overthrown!  
My God is merciful to me  
And merciful in Christ alone.



# FRIDAY

**Read 1 John 5:11-13**

## **Discuss**

In myth and legend there is an object called the philosopher's stone. This stone supposedly give a liquid that causes one to never die. There are many such legends including the fountain of youth and the holy grail.

Ever since Genesis 3, man has been trying to escape dying. Everyone, even those who reject Christ, understands that death is brokenness. Death is bad because it is the result of the sin of man.

But Christ reverses that! Rather than death, those who are in Christ can expect a resurrection and eternal life!

“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die—ever. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26)

This doesn't mean we won't die. Jesus there was speaking about Lazarus who was dead. Jesus Himself would die for us. But death is not the end. Just like Christ died, we die too. But just like Christ was resurrected, Christians patiently expect a resurrection. Christian. You have a great hope in and because of Jesus Christ. Praise Him.

## **Discussion Questions**

- What do you think eternal life looks like? Can you think of any Scripture that talks about it?
- How does the expectation of eternal life affect the way we look at life?

### **Sing**

*Psalm 150*  
Matt Boswell

### **Pray**

Praise and thank God for the immeasurable gift of life in His Son.

# PSALM 150

Verse 1:

You made the starry hosts  
You traced the mountain peaks  
You paint the evening sky with wonders  
The earth, it is Your throne  
From desert to the sea  
All nature testifies Your splendor

Chorus:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Sing His greatness all creation  
Praise the Lord, raise your voice  
You heights and all you depths  
From furthest east to west  
Let everything that has breath  
Praise the Lord

Verse 2:

You reached into the dust  
In love, Your Spirit breathed  
You formed us in Your very likeness  
To know Your wondrous works  
To tell Your mighty deeds  
To join the everlasting chorus

Verse 3:

Let symphonies resound  
Let drums and choirs ring out  
All heaven hear the sound of worship  
Let every nation bring  
Its honors to the King  
A roar of harmonies eternal

