



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
08/04/25

Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 43: What are the sacraments or ordinances?

The sacraments or ordinances given by God and instituted by Christ, namely baptism and the Lord's Supper, are visible signs and seals that we are bound together as a community of faith by his death and resurrection. By our use of them the Holy Spirit more fully declares and seals the promises of the gospel to us.

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 Romans 6:4; Luke 22:19-20

Discuss

When Jesus ascended into heaven, He left His apostles to carry His Gospel throughout the world. They preached, taught, and wrote so that by the end of the first century, the New Testament was complete. But after the apostles died, the church faced a challenge: how to remain faithful to the teachings of Christ without adding to them.

Over time, some Christians began to develop new practices and traditions. Unfortunately, many of these traditions were not based on Scripture, and the church began to drift. By the time of the Middle Ages, the Catholic Church taught that there were SEVEN sacraments/ordinances! That is far more than Jesus had ever commanded.

During the Reformation, faithful men and women began to test every tradition against the Word of God. What they found was that Jesus had only instituted two ordinances for His church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. These were not just traditions invented by people, rather they were given by the command of Christ Himself.

When we are baptized or take communion, we are doing more than following an old tradition, we are obeying the very words of Jesus. These ordinances are not burdens or empty rituals. They are rich gifts, given by Christ for the good of His church.

Discussion Questions

- Why do you think Christ gave us the ordinances?
- Do you think of baptism and the Lord's Supper as traditions, or as gifts?

Persecuted Church/Missions:

While evangelizing in Cambodia, pastor Dara Hen saw many orphans who were trying to survive on their own. Seeing the children in distress, Dara started an orphanage where their physical needs could be met and where they could grow in the nurture of the Word of God. In 2008, Dara began the orphanage and today it is home to twenty-five children. At the orphanage "One of Love", each day ends with gathering together for worship through singing, prayer, and reading Scripture. Dara teaches these children the full counsel of Christ, training them to be faithful disciples, devoted church members, future pastors and evangelists.

About the song:

It has been said that if you want to hear God speak, read your Bible, and if you want to hear Him audibly then read it our loud. Our hymn calls on God to speak to us, to lead us, to guide us. We will find His leading and direction as our lives are filled with His Word.

Pray

Thank God for giving clear instructions to His church

Sing

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery
Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Keith & Kristyn Getty (2020)

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS 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
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes



TUESDAY

Read Matthew 26:26-28, 28:18-20; 1

Corinthians 11:23-25

Discuss

An ordinance is a practice or ritual that was ordained or commanded by Christ Himself while on earth. While Jesus gave many commands during His ministry, He only gave two practices to be regularly observed by His church: baptism and the Lord's Supper.

What is baptism? Baptism is the first major act of obedience following salvation. In baptism, we publicly declare, "I was a sinner, but Jesus saved me by His death and resurrection! I trust in Jesus with all my heart and my whole life belongs to Him because of the salvation He gave me!" Baptism doesn't make us Christians or change our hearts. If someone hasn't truly trusted in Christ, getting baptized won't save them. Baptism is an outward declaration of an inner reality, a picture that shows we have died to sin and been raised to new life with Christ "that you have been united with Christ and raised to new life in Him" (Romans 6:3-4).

The Lord's Supper is a sacred meal where Christians remember Jesus' death on the cross. The bread represents His body, broken for us. The cup represents His blood, poured out for the forgiveness of our sins. Jesus didn't tell us how often to take the Lord's Supper, just that we should do it regularly. The elements don't magically change, but this act of remembrance is deeply meaningful. It reminds us of God's love, strengthens our faith, and softens our hearts.

Discussion Questions

- In your own words explain what baptism is.
- How should our hearts be softened at communion?

Apologetics:

There are a lot of people who teach that there are many more than two "sacraments." However, in Scripture we see that Jesus only commanded the church to regularly observe baptism and the Lord's Supper. These are not simple traditions, but direct commands from Christ (Matt. 28:19; Luke 22:19). Other things, like confession or marriage, are important parts of the Christian life, but they were not given in the same way as baptism and the Lord's Supper. These two are signs of the Gospel that remind us we are bound to Christ. These two practices are important because they came from the mouth of Christ.

About the song:

This hymn is also known as the communion hymn. In it we are led to rejoice in what communion represents. We remember the suffering of Christ, that through His death we have been granted eternal life.

Pray

Pray for those you know who don't know Jesus. Pray that you would have a chance to share with them.

Sing

Behold the Lamb

Stuart Townend, Keith & Kristyn Getty (2007)

BEHOLD THE LAMB

Verse 1:

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us: and we remember:
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.

Chorus:

So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

Verse 2:

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.

(Chorus)

Verse 3:

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.

(Chorus)

Verse 4:

And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond: and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.

Closing:

As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.



WEDNESDAY

Read Romans 4:1-12

Discuss

American embassies fly the flag to show that the building belongs to the United States. When I drive down the freeway and see the golden arches, I know that there will soon be a McDonalds. And when you see a cross on a building, what does that tell you? It tells you that building is probably owned by Christians. The signs tell us who these places belong to and what to expect when we get there. If I walk into a McDonald's, I shouldn't expect to order spaghetti.

Baptism and the Lord's Supper are signs of the Gospel. They mark us as being part of the body of Christ. These things are not for non-Christians, only those who have confessed Jesus Christ as Lord.

I know a man raised in a Muslim home. He came to faith in Christ, but delayed his baptism for several months. Why would he do that? Because in his community baptism was the final marker that made him an enemy of Islam. Once he was baptized he was kicked out of his home and no longer welcomed in his community.

These are no empty symbols. They are powerful signs that declare our union with Christ and identify us with His death and resurrection. When we partake of them we saying to the world that we would rather suffer like Christ for His sake, than to have all the blessing this world can give yet be without Him.

Discussion Questions

- Would you rather have Christ and loose the world, or loose the world and have Christ?
- What does the sign of Baptism tell the world?

Greek/Hebrew/Latin Word to Know:

δύναμις

Dunamis- power

This is where we get the words dynamic and dynamite. When we think of God's power and pray for His power in our lives, we are praying for His dynamite strength. God raised mountains from the sea and carved valleys through them. He spoke and galaxies flew into existence. And yet His power was most greatly shown when He covered our sin with the blood of His Son

"what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might" (Ephesians 1:19).

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

Confess your sins to God
and ask Him for
forgiveness

Sing

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken
Henry Lyte (1824)

JESUS I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

Verse 1:

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow thee;
Destitute, despis'd, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish, ev'ry fond ambition,
All I've sought, and hop'd, and known;
Yet how rich is my condition;
God and Heav'n are still my own!

Verse 2:

Let the world despise and leave me;
They have left my Savior, too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue;
And while thou shalt smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate, and friends may shun me;
Show thy face, and all is bright!

Verse 3:

Go then, earthly fame and treasure!
Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!
In thy service, pain is pleasure;
With thy favor, loss is gain.
I have called thee Abba, Father;
I have stayed my heart on thee;
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.

Verse 4:

Haste then on from grace to glory,
Arm'd by faith, and wing'd by pray'r;
Heav'n's eternal day before thee;
God's own hand shall guide me there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission;
Swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;
Hope soon change to glad fruition,
FAITH TO SIGHT, AND PRAY'R TO PRAISE.



THURSDAY

Read Galatians 3:26-28

Discuss

My childhood best friend and I have an inside joke that's lasted for years. When we were ten, we took a personality quiz online. It asked us to name a random color and a random tool. The "normal" answer was supposed to be 'red screwdriver.' But both of us independently answered 'purple hammer.' To this day, we still joke about it.

Shared experiences unite people. Those who go through disasters often form deep bonds because they had to rely on each other. Siblings tend to stay close because of all they shared while growing up. If ordinary moments create that kind of unity, how much more should we be united by what is eternal?

What greater experience is there than being washed in Christ's blood? In baptism, each of us is united to Christ, and as we are united to Him, we are also united to one another. We are one body, one people, bound together by His blood remembered in communion.

What does this mean? It means I have more in common with a believer in Saudi Arabia than I do with an unbelieving relative. My bond with brothers and sisters in Christ is greater than any earthly connection. We are family in the truest and most eternal sense.

This unity is precious. We must value it. Divisiveness has no place in the body of Christ. If Jesus purchased our unity with His blood, we must not be quick to tear it apart. Let us strive to keep the bond of peace that He died to give us.

Discussion Questions

- How do we have more in common with other Christians than our own family?
- What does unity look like in the church?

Important Theological Term:

The Communion of Saints is the spiritual union of all believers in Christ past, present, and future who share in Christ's grace and are united as one body by the Holy Spirit. All believers are united to Christ and, through Him, united to each other. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are two ways we see and celebrate that unity. We're not just saved into a private relationship with God—we're saved into a family.

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

Praise God for the unity that we have in Christ Jesus

Sing

Blest Be The Tie That Binds
John Fawcett (1782)

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

Verse 1:

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Verse 2:

Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

Verse 3:

We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

Verse 4:

When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

Verse 5:

This glorious hope revives
our courage by the way;
while each in expectation lives
and waits to see the day.

Verse 6:

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin, we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.



FRIDAY

Read Joshua 24:24-28

Discuss

If you visit my apartment you will likely quickly notice numerous knick-knacks throughout it. There are pictures, little figurines, and even a few decorative knives. While they may seem random, most of them tell a story. They remind me of different periods of my life, people I have known, places I have been. Each one tells a story.

When Joshua led the people of Israel to conquer the land, he set up a stone of remembrance. Think of it as a monument. It was set up so that whenever the people of Israel looked at it they would remember their God, what He had done for them, and the covenant they had with Him.

Baptism and the Lord's Supper are our stones of remembrance. When we see baptism, we are reminded of the reality of the Gospel. We watch as the person goes beneath the water and is brought back up, and we see in a tangible way that the Gospel is still working changing hearts.

Every time we take the Lord's Supper we "proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26). We are reminded of the very high cost of the grace that saved us. Grace is given to us freely, but it is not cheap. This meal is a time to quiet our hearts, to confess and repent of our sins, and to be moved by gratitude for the work of Christ upon the cross for us.

Discussion Questions

- Have you ever ignored what the Bible told you to do?
- How can you be more obedient today?

Church History:

On August 8, 1650, the city of Augsburg, Germany, celebrated its first Peace Festival. This is a time of giving thanks for the end of the Thirty Years' War and the renewed right for Protestants to freely worship. The long war had resulted in millions of deaths. With the Peace of Westphalia in 1648, Protestants in cities like Augsburg regained the freedom to gather, preach, and take the Lord's Supper without fear. To commemorate this, the city's Protestant citizens established an annual festival—filled with hymns, prayers, and communion—to celebrate both peace and perseverance in the gospel.

About the Song:

This hymn brings us to a state of dependence. We are reminded that our works and blood could never save us, but Christ saved us completely forever.

Pray

Thank God for the numerous ways He has been faithful to you in the past

Sing

Not What My Hands Have Done

Horatius Bonar (1864)

NOT WHAT MY HANDS HAVE DONE

Verse 1:

Not what my hands have done
can save my guilty soul;
not what my toiling flesh has borne
can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do
can give me peace with God;
not all my prayers and sighs and tears
can bear my awful load.

Verse 2:

Thy work alone, O Christ,
can ease this weight of sin;
thy blood alone, O Lamb of God,
can give me peace within.
Thy love to me, O God,
not mine, O Lord, to Thee,
can rid me of this dark unrest,
and set my spirit free.

Verse 3:

Thy grace alone, O God,
to me can pardon speak;
thy pow'r alone, O Son of God,
can this sore bondage break.
No other work, save Thine,
no other blood will do;
no strength, save that which is divine,
can bear me safely through.

Verse 4:

I bless the Christ of God;
I rest on love divine;
and with unfalt'ring lip and heart,
I call this Savior mine.
This cross dispels each doubt;
I bury in His tomb
each thought of unbelief and fear,
each ling'ring shade of gloom.

Verse 5:

I praise the God of grace;
I trust His truth and might;
He calls me His, I call Him mine,
My God, my joy, my light.
'Tis He who saveth me,
and freely pardon gives;
I love because He loveth me,
I live because He lives.



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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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

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PRE-K (AGES 3-4)
THIS IS A NEW CLASS!!!

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ANDREW ABBOTT

HIGH SCHOOL (9TH - 12TH)

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

