



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
04/28/25

Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 30: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.

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 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.

NEW FORMAT

What is new?

You may have realized that this family worship guide looks different than those of the last several months. Through some reformatting we found a way to provide more material in the same amount of space. Here are some new things:

First, each day there is an informational bubble. This bubble will have one of five concepts: information on the persecuted church, a topic of apologetics, an important or interesting Greek/Hebrew/Latin word, an important theological term, and/or a fact from church history. Use these to help spur your interest in these topics and to learn more about our rich faith! *If you have suggestions for what you would like to see covered in one of these sections, please send an email to office@calvaryleavenworth.com*

Second, each day has a bubble discussing something about the song of the day or the author of that song. We want to be intentional with our songs. The people who wrote them thought deeply about the words they chose, and so should we!

Why did we change things?

You may be wondering why we bothered making these changes. The answer is that we want to help you as much as we can. There is no way that we can cover everything we would like to. But hopefully through these small pieces of information you will be encouraged to learn more about it. Our faith has been around for over 2000 years and has spread across the world. None of us will ever know everything. But hopefully we can all develop a love for learning more! Because as we learn more about the faith and the church, we see pictures of God moving faithfully throughout the ages and begin to love Him even more.

MONDAY

Read Hebrews 11:1-3

Discuss

We are saved by faith alone.

This is a nice thing to say, and it is very VERY true! But often we can say things without really understanding what they mean. You and I talk a lot about faith, but sometimes we use it as a “sweet nothing.”

One author described faith as, “the hand of the soul” that reaches out from the drowning waves to grasp hold of Christ. Many words are used throughout Scripture that hold some idea of faith. They often have the idea of “trust,” “security,” “confidence.” Together, they give the picture of holding onto and securing yourself to something sure and steady, knowing that it will be steadfast.

Our text today says that faith is the “assurance of things hoped for.” This isn’t a blind faith, it is a confident faith with assurance. We know, because of everything else God has done in the past, that He is trustworthy to do what He has promised.

Faith is transferring our trust from ourselves to Christ, trusting Him to save us and keep us saved rather than ourselves. Faith is full confidence in God and His promises.

Discussion Questions

- How would you respond if someone asked you what faith means?
- How is Christian faith different than “blind” faith?
- Have you placed your faith in Christ? What does that look like in your life?

Persecuted Church/Missions:

On Saturday, March 8, eight young Christians were baptized. The ceremony took place in a village in the southwestern part of the country where Muslim terrorists from neighboring Mali sometimes attack and kill followers of Christ. These new believers know that following their baptism they will likely be beaten and/or killed. As they were being baptized, they sang “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus.”

About the song:

“Hallelu Jah! My Redeemer” is a hymn that marvels in the grace of Christ as our redeemer. This hymn highlights how we as sinner did not deserve forgiveness, but that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

“Hallelu Jah” means “praise Yahweh.”

Pray

Thank God for being trustworthy and deserving of our faith.

Sing

Hallelu Jah! My Redeemer
K. Jason French

HALLELU JAH! MY REDEEMER

Verse 1:

Let me ponder perfect mercy,
like a fountain filled with grace!
My Redeemer came and found me
In His death stood in my place!

Chorus

Hallelu Jah! My Redeemer!
My Redeemer and my King!
Hallelu Jah! What a Savior!
For His love my praise I sing!
For His love my praise I sing!

Verse 2:

I was blind in utter darkness
when He gave me eyes to see!
In my sin, depraved and dirty,
Jesus washed and made me clean!

(Chorus)

Verse 3:

So unworthy of His kindness,
but His gift to me so free!
Only sin I had to offer,
Jesus shed His blood for me.

(Chorus)

Verse 4:

On the cross He died to save me,
make me whole by shedding blood.
As a lamb went to the slaughter,
He was cursed there for my good.

(Chorus)

Verse 5:

I am trusting in Your power
now to keep me safe until
You complete what You have started
By Your sovereign, gracious will!

(Chorus)



TUESDAY

Read Romans 10:5-13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Discuss

We know who God is because He told us about Himself in His Word. Scripture opens with the words, “In the beginning God...” This shows that everything else is talking about what God does. While He is revealed in some ways through creation, He is more fully revealed through His Word. It is in the Bible that we come to know God personally. We see what He does, why He does it, and what He promises to do. Through Scripture we see God’s character, His love, His holiness, and even come to know Him by name.

Faith is trusting that what God said about Himself is true. Our God does not lie, He always tells the truth. So when He says He King over all things, we believe Him. When He says that He is faithful and just to forgive, we believe Him. When He says He is a jealous God and that He alone deserves our worship, we believe Him.

To confess means to agree with. When we confess our sins it means we agree with God that our sins are as bad as He says. When we confess Christ as Lord, we are agreeing that He is the only King in our life. Because Christ is Lord, that means He deserves all of our obedience, honor, respect, love, and loyalty.

Discussion Questions

- Do you believe what God said about Himself in the Bible?
- What does it look like to have Christ as your Lord?
- What are some tricky things to believe about God? Do you think the Bible has the answers to these?

Apologetics:

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”

Genesis 1:26a, 27

The “imago dei” means “the image of God.” Each person is made in the image of God with a rational soul. Because of this each person can come to a sufficient understanding of who God is.

About the song:

This song reminds us of what Scripture declares to be true. Through it we are reminded that Christ washed our sins away and has made us clean through His blood. We are reminded of our dependence on Christ in all hours and of His sufficient sacrifice given in His love.

Pray

Thank God for revealing Himself to us so that we can worship Him!

Sing

O the Love of My Redeemer
Josh Caterer

O THE LOVE OF MY REDEEMER

Verse 1

Highest heights or darkest deep
Be there pain or poverty
There is nothing that can keep
My Redeemer's love from me

Verse 2

All alone though I may feel
All the world my enemy
Still there's no one that can steal
My Redeemer's love from me

Chorus

O the love of my Redeemer
Never failing come what may
He has purchased my forgiveness
And has washed my sins away

Verse 3

Although burdened by the weight
Of great trial or tragedy
None of these can separate
My Redeemer's love from me

Verse 4

Though the earth's foundations shake
Driving wind or raging sea
Neither death nor life can take
My Redeemer's love from me

Verse 5

Through this world's few passing days
And through all eternity
I will never cease to praise
My Redeemer's love for me



WEDNESDAY

Read Luke 8:22-25

Discuss

On the sea of Galilee storms can appear without much warning at all. What was a beautiful day with birds singing and the sun shining, can suddenly turn into a nasty and angry storm.

When the disciples loaded up their boat, they had no reason to fear. The sea was calm and the sky showed no signs of a storm. It was so nice in fact that Jesus was able to lay down and fall asleep. Soon however, the winds picked up and the storm began to toss the boat all around. The disciples were terrified! Many had drowned in similar storms before, and they believed they would be the next to die in the waves. In their fear they cried out to Jesus to save them. Jesus commanded the waves saying, "Peace, be still." Without a pause the storm was quieted and the lovely day returned. As the clouds parted, Jesus turned and asked them, "Where is your faith?"

Faith means trusting God. Trusting God even when it is really really hard. Even when it seems like the storm of life will flip your boat. God made the storm. God is over the storm. And you want to know something? The storm still knows His voice. Trust God, He knows what is best and will always do the right thing. He's got this.

Discussion Questions

- Do you find it easy or hard to trust God in your life?
- What are some things that you struggle to trust God with?
- How has God proven He can be trusted?

Greek/Hebrew/Latin Word to Know:

ἀγάπη
Agape

This is a Greek words for "love." This type of love is quite unique. It describes the perfect and unconditional love of God. It is a love the does not expect to be paid back, but is self-sacrificial. This is the love that brought Jesus to die upon the cross for us. This is the love Paul writes about when he says, "what is the breadth and length and height and depth... the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge..." Eph. 3:18-19

About the Song:

There are many times when we feel at a loss for words. This modern hymn by CityAight reminds us that Jesus taught us how to pray in these hard times. We are reminded that God is still ruling from His throne in heaven, and we can trust Him to be a good King.

Pray

Thank God for His mercy
saving us from the wrath
to come

Sing

Your Will be Done
CityAight

YOUR WILL BE DONE

Verse 1

Your will be done, my God and father
As in Heaven, so on earth
My heart is drawn to self exalting
Help me seek Your kingdom first

Chorus

As Jesus walked, so I shall walk
Held by Your same unchanging love
Be still my soul
Oh, lift your voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

Verse 2

How in that garden he persisted
I may never fully know
The fearful weight of true obedience
It was held by him alone

(Chorus)

Verse 3

When I am lost, when I am broken
In the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father
Yes, to one great King I bow!

(Chorus)

Verse 4

As we go forth, our God and Father
Lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory
And Your Name be lifted high

(Chorus)



THURSDAY

Read John 1:1-13

Discuss

A lot of times we hear about “asking Jesus into your heart.” I’m sorry to be the one to tell you this, but that phrase is not in the Bible. The closest we get to that is the idea of “receiving Christ.” Our passage today tells us that those who received Christ are given the right to be sons and daughters of God. What then does it mean to receive Christ?

To receive means to actively take hold of and accept. To cling to.

Think of the depth of your sin for a moment. How awful it is. Apart from Christ we are drowning in our sinfulness. As we are sinking into sin, Christ reached in to pull us out. Receiving Christ is when we grab onto Him as He is pulling us out of sin.

To receive means that something has been given to us. We don’t receive anything unless it has come to us to be received. On our own, we cannot reach far enough to grasp hold of Christ. We cannot love Him as our Savior until He reaches out to save us.

“We love because he first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

Have you clung to Christ as your Savior?

Discussion Questions

- How is receiving Christ different than asking Jesus into your heart?
- How have you thought about receiving Christ in the past? Is this similar or different than what we read today?

Important Theological Term:

Gospel: the good news.

The Gospel is the message of salvation to sinners. It has four main parts: God is holy, man is sinful, Christ died for sinners, man must trust in Christ alone to be saved.

The Gospel comes from an ancient word for a peace treaty. When a king was going to conquer a city, he would send a messenger to a city before attacking it. This messenger would declare terms of peace, that if accepted would avoid destruction of the city. The Gospel is God’s terms of peace to sinners.

About the Song:

Bernard of Clairvaux is one of the greatest hymn writers of all time. He wrote a large number of songs with great theological depth including our hymn today.

Pray

Thank God for reaching out to love you that you could cling to Him

Sing

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Bernard of Clairvaux

JESUS, THOU JOY OF LOVING HEARTS

Verse 1:

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts,
Thou fount of life, Thou light of men,
from the best bliss that earth imparts,
we turn unfilled to Thee again.

Verse 2:

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
Thou savest those that on Thee call;
to them that seek Thee, Thou art good,
to them that find Thee all in all.

Verse 3:

We taste Thee, O Thou living Bread,
and long to feast upon Thee still;
we drink of Thee, the Fountain-head,
and thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Verse 4:

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,
where'er our changeful lot is cast;
glad when Thy gracious smile we see,
blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

Verse 5:

O Jesus, ever with us stay,
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away;
shed o'er the world Thy holy light.



FRIDAY

Read John 6:35-40; Matthew 11:28-30

Discuss

Faith means trusting in God. Trust means... trust. It means you have given up control of your own life and given that control to God. This includes in our salvation.

This life is busy and chaotic and scary. Without Christ we are constantly running trying to keep our life from falling over. We are trying so hard to keep things secure that we never have a moment of rest.

When we come to Christ in faith and give up control of our own life and salvation, we receive a beautiful gift. Rest. In Christ, we can actually rest.

Because Christ is the only One who accomplishes the work of salvation, when we come to Him in faith we can truly find a rest from our labors. We are able to cease our striving and simply relax into the open embrace of our loving God.

This is a freedom that is unimaginable to those outside of Christ. They do not know what true rest is.

Keep your eyes fixed on Christ, because in and through Him you have rest.

Discussion Questions

- Have you experienced rest in Christ?
- What does it look like in your life to rest in the work of Christ?
- Do you think there is any rest outside of Jesus?

Church History:

On this day in 1550ad, Joan Boucher was burned at the stake. She was filled with love for Christ and distributed banned copies of the New Testament in English to the ladies in the English court. Eventually she would begin to speak boldly that Mary was not sinless. A Catholic priest tried to convert her to Roman Catholicism before her execution. She responded imploring Him to “read the Bible.”

About the Song:

Joseph Addison endured much tragedy in his life. One tragedy was surviving a horrible shipwreck. It was this that inspired today's hymn. Addison calls on us to find our rest and comfort by remembering the many mercies of God.

Pray

Thank God for the rest that is in Christ

Sing

When All Thy Mercies, O My God
Joseph Addison

WHEN ALL THEY MERCIES, O MY GOD

Verse 1:

When all thy mercies, O my God,
my rising soul surveys,
transported with the view, I'm lost
in wonder, love, and praise.

Verse 2:

Unnumbered comforts to my soul
thy tender care bestowed,
before my infant heart conceived
from whom those comforts flowed.

Verse 3:

When in the slippery paths of youth
with heedless steps I ran,
thine arm unseen conveyed me safe,
and led me up to man.

Verse 4:

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
my daily thanks employ,
and not the least a cheerful heart
which tastes those gifts with joy.

Verse 5:

Through every period of my life
thy goodness I'll pursue,
and after death in distant worlds
the glorious theme renew.

Verse 6:

Through all eternity to thee,
a joyful song I'll raise;
for O, eternity's too short
to utter all thy praise.





July 21-25 | 6-8PM

**We are beginning to plan our annual
Vacation Bible School. VBS will be
held July 21-25th. Volunteer at:**

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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

