



Calvary
Baptist Church

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Home Worship Guide

Freedom in Christ

With our nation having just celebrated 250 years of freedom, we should have freedom on our minds. This week, we will discuss what freedom in Christ truly looks like from a biblical perspective.

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

Stand Firm in Christ

Read: Galatians 5:1

July 4th is when we celebrate this nation's freedom. As much as this is worth celebrating, what's worth more celebration is the fact that those who are in Christ have eternal freedom because of Christ's substitutionary atonement on the cross. Why did Christ set us free from our sin? So we would be set free! We have been delivered from slavery to sin! We do not have to live by a set of laws or rules to save us, but we are set free by the blood of Jesus Christ on the cross. We are set free by the mighty work of Christ through his defeating of death through the grave. We no longer need to fear death, but we can celebrate the freedom that we have in Christ.

Celebration is a lot better than fear. As you remember the independence this nation celebrates, let us even more celebrate the freedom that comes from faith in Christ. As Galatians 5:1 tells us, we can confidently stand firm on the freedom that we receive in Christ. The reason we can stand firm is that this freedom is eternal and cannot be taken away from us by anyone or anything.

- *How is the freedom we have in Christ different from the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of a country?*
- *Why is it important to remember that we are not saved by keeping rules or laws?*
- *Have you ever found yourself trying to earn God's approval through your own efforts? What did that look like?*
- *Why do you think Paul commands believers to "stand firm" in their freedom (Galatians 5:1)? What threats to that freedom might believers face today?*
- *What are some practical ways we can celebrate and enjoy the freedom Christ has given us?*

Pray

Pray for God to help you to stand firm in your freedom in Christ.

Sing

Come Behold the
Wonderous Mystery

COME BEHOLD THE WONDEROUS MYSTERY

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

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

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

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 will we be when He comes



TUESDAY

Abide in the Word

Read: John 8:31-38

You can't handle the truth!" This line was yelled by Jack Nicholson in the 1992 film *A Few Good Men*. For the Jews in this passage, this line might prove to be true. They were told the truth by Jesus, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples." All they needed to do was abide in the eternal word/Word of God. If they but abide in the Word (i.e. Jesus Christ), they have eternal freedom from sin as freedom from the slavery of sin is only found in Jesus Christ. But they must also abide in the word of God (i.e. Scripture). This means they must live their lives by the biblical values such as love for others, commitment to the truth of the gospel, and reliance upon the Holy Spirit, just to name a few. How often are we like the Jews in this passage that hang our salvation hat on the coatrack of something other than Jesus? They relied upon their relation to Abraham. Let it be said once and for all, freedom from sin only comes through faith in Jesus Christ.

- *What did Jesus say is the mark of a true disciple in this passage?*
- *Why did the Jews believe they were already free?*
- *What was wrong with their confidence in being descendants of Abraham?*
- *Why is abiding in Jesus more than simply knowing facts about Him?*
- *What are some modern-day "coat racks" people hang their salvation on instead of Christ?*
- *What are some practical ways we can abide in God's Word each day?*

Pray

Thank God for the freedom that comes through faith in Jesus.

Sing

*Christ the True and
Better Adam*

CHRIST THE TRUE AND BETTER ADAM

Christ the true and better Adam
Son of God and Son of man
Who, when tempted in the garden
Never yielded, never sinned
He who makes the many righteous
Brings us back to life again
Dying, He reversed the curse
Then rising, crushed the serpent's head

Christ the true and better Isaac
Humble son of sacrifice
Who would climb the fearful mountain
There to offer up His life
Laid with faith upon the altar
Father's joy and only son
There salvation was provided
Oh what full and boundless love

[Chorus]
Amen, Amen
From beginning to end
Christ the story, His the glory
Alleluia, Amen

Christ the true and better Moses
Called to lead a people home
Standing bold to earthly powers
God's great glory to be known
With his arms stretched wide to Heaven
See the waters part in two
See the veil is torn forever
Cleansed with blood we pass now through



Christ the true and better David
Lowly shepherd, mighty King
He the champion in the battle
Where, oh, death, is now thy sting?
In our place He bled and conquered
Crown Him Lord of majesty
His shall be the throne forever
We shall e'er His people be

WEDNESDAY

The Spirit Brings Freedom

Read: 2 Corinthians 3:1-17

In 2 Corinthians 3, we see Paul making a distinction between “the Letter” and “the Spirit.” The Letter is the Law of God, and Paul says it doesn’t bring life, but that it brings death. We cannot put our faith in the Law of God to justify us, produce righteousness in us, or eternally have the Holy Spirit. We need the Spirit of God for all of those things. It is the Holy Spirit that produces life. Under the Law, we try to produce freedom from sin through our own efforts. You think, “Maybe if I pray enough, then God will love me more.” Or you might think, “Maybe if I read my Bible more, then God will be more pleased with me and love me.” Praying and reading your Bible are good things, but they do not bring freedom in Christ. We find this freedom through the Holy Spirit, gained by faith in Jesus Christ. We once were slaves to our own sinful desires, but in Christ we find freedom from that slavery. If you’re looking for spiritual transformation, look no further than Jesus Christ.

- According to this passage, what does the Law produce? What does the Spirit produce?
- Why is the Law unable to justify us or produce righteousness in us?
- Have you ever found yourself thinking, “If I do enough for God, He will love me more”? What did that look like?
- What are some subtle ways Christians can fall into legalism today?
- What would it look like for you to depend more on the Spirit this week?
- If spiritual transformation is found in Jesus Christ and not in our own efforts, how should that change the way we pursue growth in the Christian life?

Pray

Pray that God’s spiritual transformation of your life would continue to take place.

Sing

His Mercy is More

HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea, without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait, as we constantly roam
What Father so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

[Chorus]

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What riches of kindness, He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt, we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more



THURSDAY

The Fruit of Slavery

Read: Romans 6:22

We're all slaves to something. Prior to Christ, you and I are slaves to our own sinful desires. We do whatever seems permissible. Whatever feels good and brings us the most happiness is what we're primarily focused on as natural sinners. But when someone comes to Christ, that slavery doesn't cease; it just changes. We go from being slaves to our own sinful desires to being "slaves of God." God is our master now. He is the one we worship. His desires are our own desires. His values are our values.

But slavery to God doesn't look like slavery to sin. Slavery to sin makes us hopeless and leads us to eternal separation from God, also known as an eternal death. Slavery to God looks different. Slavery to God makes us hopeful. It leads to an eternal life with our Master and Savior. Romans 6:22 calls this eternal life the fruit that we get from being slaves to God. Slavery can be thought of as a negative term, but when you're slaves to a holy God, nothing could bring more hope to your life.

- *What changes when a person comes to faith in Christ?*
- *According to Romans 6:22, what is the fruit of being a slave to God?*
- *Why do you think the Bible uses the strong term "slave" to describe our relationship to both sin and God?*
- *What are some common idols or masters that people serve today instead of God?*
- *What practical steps can help us daily submit ourselves to God as our Master?*

Pray

Thank God for the fruit of eternal life in His Son, Jesus Christ.

Sing

In Christ Alone

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand



FRIDAY

Opportunity to Serve

Read: Galatians 5:13

Freedom can be a slippery word to grasp. When we hear that word, we might be tempted to think that, because of our freedom in Christ, we can do whatever we want now that we're free in Christ. This is just not how freedom in Christ works. Paul warns us in Galatians 5:13 that we should "not use our freedom as an opportunity for the flesh." This means that we should not see our freedom as something that gives us a license to do whatever we want. That would mean we could sin in Jesus' name, and that's just not biblical. But what Paul does say is that we should use our freedom as an opportunity to "serve one another." Biblical Freedom gives us the chance to enjoy the relationship that we get to have with God and allows us to fulfill our purpose in life to glorify God through serving one another. We have the freedom to love others in the same way Christ loves us.

- *What does it mean to use freedom as an "opportunity for the flesh"?*
- *How is biblical freedom different from the world's definition of freedom?*
- *What are some ways Christians can misuse their freedom today?*
- *How has Christ demonstrated sacrificial love and service toward you?*
- *In what ways did Jesus model the kind of freedom Paul commands in Galatians 5:13?*

Pray

Ask the Lord to give you opportunities to love and serve others.

Sing

On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand

ON CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK I STAND

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, his covenant, his blood,
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet
sound,
O may I then in him be found:
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.



Oh come,
let us
worship
and bow down;

let us
kneel
before the
Lord,
our Maker!

—♥—
Psalm 95:6

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8:30 & 11:00am

Sunday School

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

