



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
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Home Worship Guide

“In Christ”

This week we will discover part of what the Bible says about the words “in Christ.” Sometimes it has to do with our identity; other times it has to do with the identity of Christ. While other times it gives us a heading to teach us how to live like Christ.

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

We Have Redemption

Read: Colossians 1:13-14; Ephesians 1:7

Redemption is a big word we use frequently in Christian circles, but do we know exactly what it means? Redemption is a biblical, theological concept centering on being considered free from our sin and its consequences due to Christ's sacrificial work on the cross. His death on the cross is sometimes referred to as His "redemptive work." This redemptive work of Christ on the cross is also characterized by forgiveness of sins achieved through Christ's shed blood, which washes us clean. Our souls are stained with our sin. Christ's blood redeems us and washes that stain clean for eternity. Have you ever gotten blood on your clothes? Blood typically stains; it doesn't wash clean. You'd be crazy to wash something in blood because it would end up ruined! But Jesus's blood actually washes us clean and forgives us of our sins. This is the gift of grace we receive from Christ that justifies those who have repented from their sins. This forgiveness is not simply a legal transaction but a transformative rescue. The Colossians passage today speaks of how the believer is brought out of the domain of darkness and transferred into the Kingdom of God's beloved Son.

Jesus is the perfect sacrificial lamb who was sacrificed on behalf of sinners to give them the opportunity for salvation and redemption. This concept is not unlike the Old Testament idea of redemption. The connection between bloodshedding and forgiveness appears consistently across the Old and New Testaments.

The Law has countless examples of this in the Old Testament. Paul also speaks of this type of redemption.

Biblically, the path to redemption is through the shedding of blood. Christ is that atoning sacrifice for sinners who believe in Him.

Discussion Questions:

How can you explain redemption simply to someone who has never heard the gospel?

Pray

Thank God for dying on the cross for us.

Sing

Great is Thy Faithfulness

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Chorus

Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside.



TUESDAY

All Things Were Created

Read: Colossians 1:16-17, John 1:3, Heb. 1:2

Today's "In Christ" example is not a level of identity we find for ourselves in Christ, but it is something of the nature of Christ Himself. He is the agent through which all creation came into being. When we think about the creation of all things, we may not naturally think about Jesus Christ as being involved with creation. But multiple verses in the New Testament speak to this very fact. The passage in Colossians even refers to how Christ is more than the agent of creation but is also He who is active in creation to hold all things together. John's gospel affirms that nothing in existence came into being apart from Christ's creative work, while the author of Hebrews also identifies the Son as the one through whom God created the world.

This theological idea appears across the New Testament. Even Paul mentions how the Father is the author of creation and Christ is the agent through which all things exist in 1 Corinthians 8:6: "yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist."

These passages establish Christ's cosmic significance not only as a spiritual or salvific figurehead, but as a functional and fundamental agent in reality. The repeated emphasis on "through Him" across different authors solidifies Christ's relationship with creation to be an initiator and sustainer of creation.

Discussion Question

If we are image bearers of the Triune God, how does knowing Christ is the Creator and Sustainer of creation affect how we interact with creation?

Pray

That God would put into your heart a deep conviction to rule well over creation as an image bearer.

Sing

It is Well with My Soul

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Chorus:

It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!



WEDNESDAY

The Fullness of God

Read: Colossians 1:19; 2:9

What do you think of when you hear the word “fullness?” I think of eating a really good dinner and being completely full afterward. Last night we had one of my favorites: tuna and noodles. We were all left very full and satisfied. We couldn’t eat another bite! When we read about the fullness of God dwelling in Christ, we realize that Christ is completely full of the same nature of God. This means we have biblical evidence Christ is completely God, and not any less.

The “fullness” language in Colossians 1:19 and throughout the letter to the Colossians is similar to its use in the Old Testament when it makes mention of God “filling” the temple with his very own presence (Ezek. 44:4). Jesus does simply reflect the glory of God nor does He only bear God’s glory, but everything that makes God Himself also dwells in Jesus. He’s full of God! He can’t eat another bite!

Colossians, as well as the New Testament, presents Christ as He who is the embodiment of God’s nature and power. Christ is the totality of God’s divine being. This is not meant to be interpreted as if Christ symbolically or metaphorically embodies the power and nature of God. It describes the ultimate reality of Christ actually and tangibly being the full embodiment of God’s deity.

Discussion Question:

How should recognizing Jesus is fully God affect the way we worship Him?

Why is it important Jesus is not partially God, but is fully God?

Pray

Thank God that Jesus is fully God and has the power and authority to forgive our sins.

Sing

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter,
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me
after thy will,
while I am waiting,
yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Search me and try me,
Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord,
wash me just now,
as in thy presence
humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary,
help me I pray!
Power, all power,
surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me,
Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being
absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit
till all shall see
Christ only, always,
living in me!



THURSDAY

All Divine Knowledge and Wisdom

Read: Colossians 2:2-3

When I think of knowledge, I think of a massive library full of books. The amount of knowledge kept therein is incredible. And it still doesn't hold a candle to the depths of divine knowledge and wisdom Christ embodies. While knowledge is the amount of understanding someone may have, their wisdom represents how well they are able to apply that wisdom. Christ represents both God's knowledge and God's wisdom in Scripture, making Him the very substance of spiritual understanding and application. It is only through a union with Christ that the believer can gain access to certain benefits like divine wisdom. We see that depicted by King Solomon when he receives divine wisdom from God in 1 Kings 3 by simply asking for it. Wisdom is not the only divine benefit we receive only from God. We also receive righteousness, sanctification, and redemption from God according to 1 Corinthians 1:30. Through these things, we gain knowledge of God. And we only receive these when we are in Christ. All divine knowledge and wisdom are found only in Christ.

The apostle Paul explains this idea even more by showing how important Jesus is to the entire universe. Jesus is called "the image of the invisible God," which means when we look at Jesus, we see what God is like. Paul also teaches everything in creation came into being through Jesus.

This helps us understand why the Bible says all wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ. Wisdom and knowledge are not just things Jesus happens to have. They are part of who He is. Because Jesus created the world and keeps it running, He understands everything about it perfectly.

Discussion Questions:

How can believers actively seek God's wisdom in their daily lives?

Pray

Thank God for sharing His wisdom and knowledge of who He is through Jesus.

Sing

Nearer, My God, to Thee

NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
yet in my dreams I'd be
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise,
out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
so by my woes to be
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!



FRIDAY

Walk in Him

Read: Colossians 2:6-7

I love a good walk. Sometimes the weather isn't nice enough to walk, but when it is I like to go on a walk to enjoy the weather. Walking takes effort. It takes intentionality. I never end up on a walk by accident. Colossians 2:6 tells us to "walk in [Christ]." To walk in Christ means that we are intentionally living for Him. What does that look like? First, we are to be rooted in Him. Like a mighty tree, the roots of our lives should run deep into God's Word. Spending time with Him in God's Word every day is how we build up a life firmly rooted in Him. Second, our walking in Christ is established by faith, not by works. We have done nothing to earn our salvation but it comes only through faith in Jesus Christ, thus we should walk in Him. Third, our faith that produces an authentic walk in Christ should also produce an abundance of gratitude. Because Christ is sufficient for salvation, we should all have gratitude that our salvation is based on faith alone.

Again, walking in Christ is an active state, not a passive one. Much like 1 John 3:6 says, we are to abide in him (also known as being rooted in Christ). Those who say they abide in Him must also walk as Christ walked. A life filled with compassion for the lowly and a hatred for sin. A life of sacrificial service toward others is characteristic of the life we should be living. Walking in love mirrors Christ's self-giving live style. Walking in Christ also helps us to be equipped for when we are tempted to sin. Walking in Christ keeps us close to Him, rooted in His Word, and filled with His Spirit.

Discussion Questions:

What are some practical ways we can intentionally walk with Christ each day?

Pray

Pray that Christ would stay close to you as you live a life consumed by Him.

Sing

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Chorus:

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.



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Worship

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

