



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
4/12/26

Home Worship Guide

Sin

This week we will discuss sin. Where did sin come from? Is it really that serious? What do we do about it? These and some other questions will be answered this week. Sin is what separates us from God. We need to know what it is and who defeats it on our behalf.

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

The Fall

Read: Genesis 2:16-17, 3:6

When God created everything in Genesis 1, He calls His creation “good.” He doesn’t describe His creation in any other way. We use the word “good” to describe food we like or a day that we had where nothing bad really happened. But when God used “good” in Genesis 1, it meant “perfect” and “without fault.” Thus, when God created mankind, He created them by God’s definition of “good.” Sin was not in the world, and the world was only “good.”

Fast forward a bit to when God gives Adam the command to not eat of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. His command was clear and concise. Yet only a few verses later, we see Adam and Eve take and eat of that very tree. This seemingly simple act of disobedience took what God made as “good” and changed it to “corrupted.” This corrupted change was what brought sin into the world. Death now has a hold on us due to our sinful nature that we inherited from Adam.

This week, we will be taking a deeper look into sin, its consequences, and how God provided a way out of those consequences through His Son, Jesus Christ. Today we are talking about the Fall of Man, which refers to mankind’s first act of disobedience: eating the forbidden fruit from the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. The Fall of Man fundamentally altered the human condition from good to corrupt and introduced the poison of sin and death into the world.

Discussion Questions:

In what ways do you see the effects of our sinful nature in your own life?

Why do you think humans often struggle to obey even when God’s commands are clear?

Pray

Pray God would equip you to be obedient in His commands to glorify Him.

Sing

Trust and Obey

TRUST AND OBEY

When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Chorus:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows,
for the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey.



TUESDAY

Need for a Savior

Read: Romans 3:23, 6:23

Our need for a Savior comes from our fundamentally corrupt, sinful nature. All have sinned and fallen short of what brings God glory, which is a completely holy life devoid of sin. If someone says they are without sin, they lie and the truth is not in him (1 John 1:8). Our lives are riddled with sin. Thus, our lives are riddled with a need for a Savior. This isn't simply boiled down to individual moral failings, because it is the whole world that has turned its back on God and collectively turned toward their own sinful path; each pursuing whatever it is that makes them happy, content, and satisfied. By our sinful nature, we hate God and want to worship ourselves rather than Him. We, by our sinful abandonment from God, have created a condition of spiritual alienation from Him.

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved” (Ephesians 2:4-5). You see, apart from Christ we are dead in our sins. We find ourselves without hope because of our sin. Thus, we need a Savior to save us from ourselves and from God’s wrath that He pours out on sin. We are each in a desperate need for a Savior. Praise God that we have a Savior in Jesus Christ.

Discussion Question

How should understanding our need for a Savior shape our humility toward others?

Pray

Praise God that we have a Savior in Jesus Christ!

Sing

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high His royal banner,
it must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry
His army shall He lead,
till ev'ry foe is vanquished,
and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict,
in this His glorious day.
Ye that are brave now serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger,
and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
stand in His strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor,
each piece put on with prayer;
where duty calls or danger,
be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the strife will not be long;
this day the noise of battle,
the next the victor's song.
To him who over-cometh
a crown of life shall be;
they with the King of Glory
shall reign eternally.



WEDNESDAY

Confession of sin

Read: 1 John 1:8-9

In VBS, we learn the ABCs. A - admit that you're a sinner. B - believe in Jesus. C - confess Jesus as Lord. When we talk about "confessing our sin," we're talking about "A - admit that you're a sinner." This is an essential and foundational part of spiritual restoration and reconciliation with God. It all starts with a humility to even acknowledge that you are imperfect and have a certain level of self-awareness that allows you to recognize your need for forgiveness and your need for a Savior. Denying your sin is the same as self-deception and a complete lack of self-awareness. In 1 John, John writes saying you're without sin is lying and this means the truth is not in you. But the good news is if we are humble enough to admit our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins. That relational divide is healed and we are in a right standing with Him again.

Confession of sins is both vertical and horizontal. When we confess our sins to God, in Christ, this activates his faithfulness and justice, resulting in eternal forgiveness. But we are also expected to confess our sins to one another. James 5:16 says, "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed." There is a Scriptural mandate to deal with our sin both with God and with others. If we confess our sins to one another, you will see God work in your life in a mighty way. In the confession of sins to one another is where healing and true spiritual growth is found.

Discussion Question:

Why do you think admitting our sin to one another is so healing?

Pray

Confess any unconfessed sin.

Sing

Onward Christian Soldiers

ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Onward, Christian soldiers,
marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
going on before!
Christ, the royal Master,
leads against the foe;
Forward into battle,
see his banner go!

Chorus:

Onward, Christian soldiers,
marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
going on before!

At the sign of triumph
Satan's host doth flee;
On, then, Christian soldiers,
on to victory!
Hell's foundations quiver
at the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices,
loud your anthems raise!

Onward, then, ye people,
join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices
in the triumph song;
Glory, laud, and honor,
unto Christ the King;
This thro' countless ages
men and angels sing.



THURSDAY

Justification

Read: Galatians 2:15-21

Justification is one of those church words that we may hear a lot but have a hard time defining or describing. Justification takes our old, corrupted relationship with God and heals it. It is made new. How is it made new? It's made new through Jesus Christ. Our relationship with Christ was corrupted at the Fall of Man, as we spoke about on Monday. It is only through Christ we can have a right relationship with God again.

Sometimes we may think we have to do something to earn this justification, but that's not what our Biblical text today indicates. There is no amount of "right living" that can heal the fractured relationship between you and God. It has to come through faith in Jesus Christ. The Galatian people thought they had to believe in Christ as well as live a life according to the Old Testament law to be saved. In other words, they thought the gospel was "Jesus + the law." This passage tells us that it is only by faith in Jesus, and Jesus alone, we come into a right relationship with God.

This passage also shows us that we must stay focused on the true gospel. Paul's message is that you are saved by faith in Christ alone, not by works of the law. Paul's opponents are saying "if we abolish the law, people will be out of control with sin!" Paul is saying that the real issue of sin is when people first turn to Jesus and then turn back to the law for salvation. This is what Paul means by "if I rebuild what I tore down [the law], I prove myself to be a transgressor" of the true gospel.

Discussion Questions:

What are some ways Christians today might subtly fall into a "Jesus + something" mindset?

Pray

Thank God that we don't have to earn our salvation but it is a free gift through Christ.

Sing

Jesus Paid it All

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I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

Refrain:
Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I
Where-by Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.



FRIDAY

Repentance

Read: Acts 3:19; 2 Peter 3:9

A 'U-turn' is when a vehicle turns completely around (180 degrees) and goes back the opposite direction. This is the idea of repentance. To repent means to turn back from your sin, as if you're heading down a road taking you to death (the sin road). Repentance is when you turn around and start down the road toward life (the Jesus road). Jesus clearly states what happens to those who do not repent from their sins in Luke 13:3, "No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

Yesterday we talked about justification. For justification to occur, we must first repent from our sins. There is an urgency attached to repentance. Repentance is not optional but is essential to spiritual survival. Putting off repentance is putting off the salvation of your soul.

Praise God we have a gracious God who longs to forgive us of our sins. Let us thank God for texts such as 2 Peter 3:9. When we talk about repenting of our sins, we are ultimately talking about confessing our sins to God for forgiveness and salvation. We should also continue to repent when we sin as a healthy Christian practice even after we have been saved. We should confess our sins to one another as James 5:16 says. Confession, repentance, and justification are all linked under what we must do with our sin.

Discussion Questions:

Why do you think Jesus spoke about repentance with such urgency?

Pray

Praise God that He is gracious and merciful to forgive us when we repent from our sins.

Sing

Are You Washed in the Blood

ARE YOU WASHED IN THE BLOOD

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing pow'r?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Chorus:

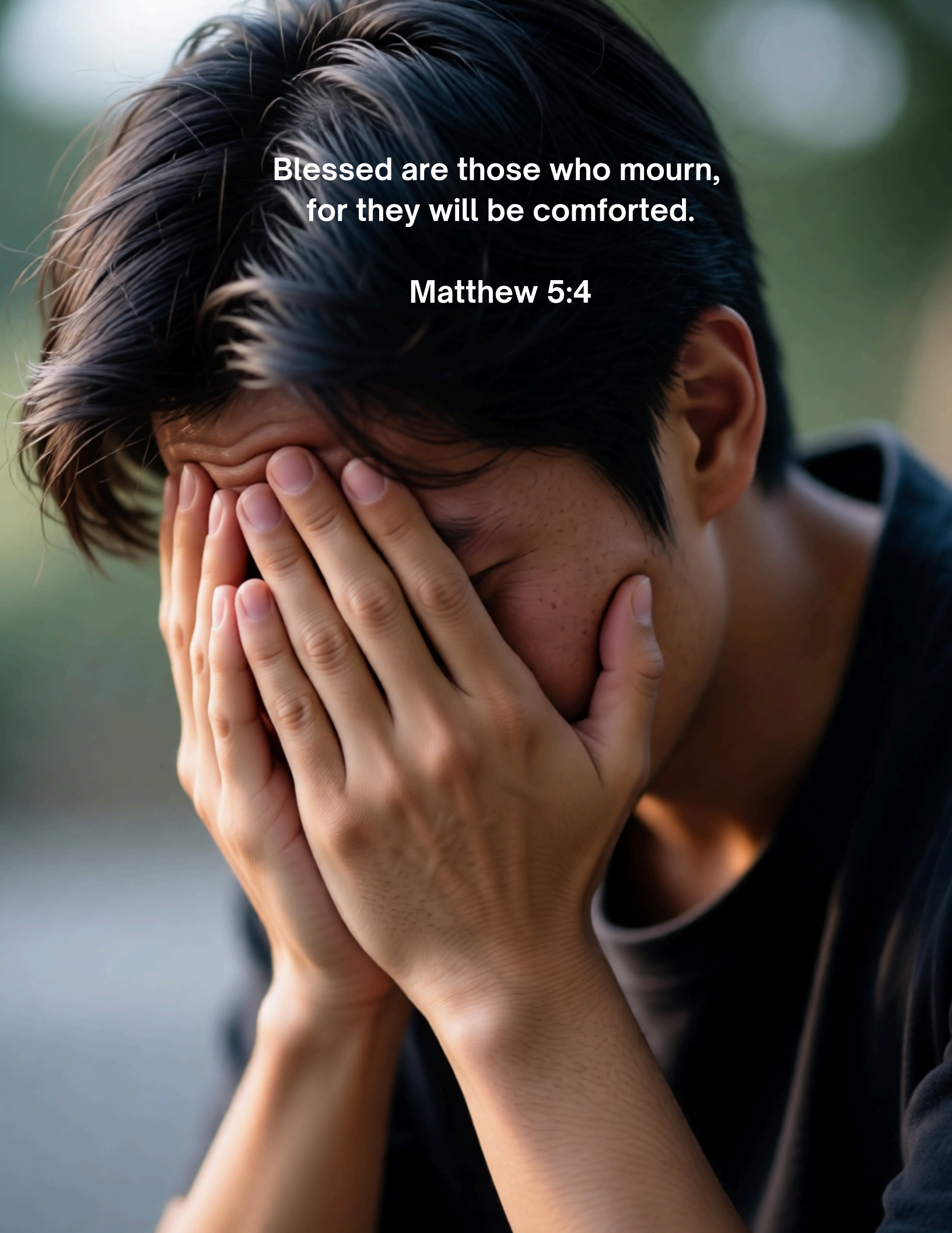
Are you washed in the blood,
In the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb?
Are your garments spotless?
Are they white as snow?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you walking daily by the Savior's side?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Do you rest each moment in the Crucified?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

When the Bridegroom cometh will your robes be white?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Will your soul be ready for the mansions bright,
and be washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin.
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean.
O be washed in the blood of the Lamb!



A close-up photograph of a young man with dark, slightly messy hair. He is looking down and covering his face with both hands, his fingers spread across his forehead and eyes. His expression is one of intense grief or sorrow. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting. The lighting is natural, highlighting the texture of his skin and the intensity of his emotion.

**Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.**

Matthew 5:4

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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

