



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
3/22/26

Home Worship Guide

God the Holy Spirit

We serve a Triune Godhead. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We are embarking on a 3-week journey highlighting specific attributes of each. The goal is to make much of our Triune God in all three persons in which He exists.

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

Spirit of Truth

Read: John 14:16-17; Matthew 28:18-20

When someone leaves a job, their boss likes to have someone come backfill that job when it becomes vacant. Well, during the ministry of Jesus on earth, he promised that God the Father would send an eternal representative in the place of Jesus once Jesus left the earth for glory. This representative is referred to as a “Helper.” This Helper is none other than the Spirit of Truth, i.e. the Holy Spirit.

This Holy Spirit would dwell within each believer but not in “the world,” meaning those who don’t believe in Jesus. You see, if you have Jesus as your Savior, you also have The Helper, Spirit of Truth indwell in you. Isn’t that incredible?

Like we discussed in a previous HWG, when Jesus prepares to leave at the end of the gospel of Matthew, he commands the disciples to make more disciples in the one name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Do you see how Jesus equates the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to be one person? When we receive the Holy Spirit as believers, we receive the same God as the Father and Son.

The Holy Spirit is referred to as the Spirit of Truth in a few places in John’s Gospel. The primary ministry of the Holy Spirit in John’s Gospel is to bear witness to who Jesus is and, thereby, point to what is the most absolute truth: who Jesus is as the Divine Son of God. Beyond this testimonial role, the Spirit guides believers into what is the comprehensive truth of Jesus’ teaching. He serves as a teacher and instructor of believers of all of Jesus’ teachings. The Holy Spirit in John is the person of the Trinity who reminds us of the reason we worship Jesus.

Discussion Questions:
How might the presence of the Holy Spirit help us live differently from “the world”?

Pray

Worship Jesus for who He is.

Sing

Victory in Jesus

VICTORY IN JESUS

I heard an old, old story how a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory

Chorus

O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever!
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him.
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory,
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing and the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.



TUESDAY

Freedom in the Spirit

Read: 2 Cor. 3:17-18, John 8:36

The Holy Spirit is said to bring freedom. But freedom from what? Does this mean an unlimited autonomy by which we can live however we would like to live with no consequences? I do not think this type of freedom is what is mentioned. The freedom that the Holy Spirit gives us is a freedom from sin and death. This freedom is not a freedom to sin but a freedom from the consequences of our sin. This should encourage us to live lives that glorify Christ, not ourselves.

This is emphasized in Galatians 5:1, “For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” Believers are no longer under the bondage of sin. We no longer have to be burdened by the heavy yoke of slavery to sin. We are now under the yoke of Christ through the freedom that comes from the Holy Spirit. The yoke of Jesus is easy and His burden is light. This freedom in Christ comes only by the work of our Triune God, which includes the work of the Holy Spirit, who brings freedom from slavery to sin and death.

John 8:36 tells us if we are free in Christ, we are free indeed. No one and nothing can take our freedom away from us once it has been declared by Christ. On the same topic of freedom in the Triune God, we also see John 8:32 tells us that knowing the truth sets us free. Do you remember from yesterday who proclaims the truth? That would be the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit tells us the truth of Jesus and Jesus’ teachings. Knowing, loving, and living the truth sets us free. We are free from the shackles of sin in our Triune God.

Discussion Question

How does the freedom the Holy Spirit gives differ from the world’s idea of freedom?

Pray

Thank God for the freedom from sin and having a light and easy yoke with Christ.

Sing

‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise,
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Chorus:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.



WEDNESDAY

Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

Read: Judges 3:10; Genesis 1:2

We associate the work of the Holy Spirit more with the New Testament. I mean, that makes sense. Jesus promises a Helper to backfill Him and be His presence on earth after He ascends into Heaven. We get a lot of theology on the Holy Spirit from John and Paul. But if I were to ask you where we see the activity of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament, what would you say? Take a moment to think about all the mentions of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament.

Throughout the Old Testament we see the Spirit's activity centers on empowering individuals for specific divine purposes. For instance, Gideon was "clothed" by the Holy Spirit, which mobilized him to rally warriors for war. Samson received a sudden burst of power from the Holy Spirit that gave him unnatural strength.

In the Old Testament, we see the Holy Spirit do less permanent "indwelling" but much more of the temporary rush of power or clothing to empower specific servants to perform miraculously for the Lord. It isn't really until the New Testament that we see a permanency of the Holy Spirit come upon followers of YHWH. Either way, the Spirit's work is transformative and brings glory to the Triune God in His work and activity.

The Holy Spirit is also seen at creation. The work that the Holy Spirit is doing there is not specific, but there does seem to be some function of the Holy Spirit in the creation account in Genesis 1:2 where it says, "The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters."

Also within the creation account in Genesis 1, we see man is made in the likeness of the Triune God. This includes the person of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is in the Old Testament and plays a vital role in God's story from creation to the cross and beyond.

Discussion Question:

Why is it important to recognize that the Holy Spirit is active throughout the whole Bible, not just the New Testament?

Pray

For the Holy Spirit to use you for spreading the gospel.

Sing

The Solid Rock

THE SOLID ROCK

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.

Chorus:

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.

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.

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.



THURSDAY

Intercessor

Read: Romans 8:26-27

What on earth is an “Intercessor” and what does it mean? In an attempt to put it simply, an intercessor is someone who prays to God for someone else. Imagine your friend is in trouble and they are too ashamed or afraid to ask someone for help. You don’t have the ability to help them, but you know someone who can. If you go to that person on behalf of your friend to ask for their help for your friend, you are acting as an Intercessor for your friend. This is exactly what the Holy Spirit does for us.

When believers face weakness and uncertainty about life, the Holy Spirit provides assistance by interceding on their behalf, expressing in groanings what cannot be articulated in ordinary language. The fact that God would provide such access to Him in our weakness reveals the heart of God to be one of kindness and compassion. He wants us to bring Him the hard things that we don’t know how to pray for, because He has provided an Intercessor who will pray on our behalf, even when we don’t know what to pray.

You can be an Intercessor as well! In fact, Paul urges believers to make “supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings” for all people (1 Tim. 2:1-2). This means that we are expected to pray, and pray for others on their behalf. We should go to God on behalf of others, speaking up for them in their weakness. Maybe they don’t even know that you’re praying for them! And that’s ok! God has given us the same heart of kindness and compassion for others as He has. With that heart of God, we are to be a praying people who bring the concerns of others to God on their behalf.

Discussion Questions:

Have you ever had a time when you didn’t know what to pray about? How does it encourage you to know the Holy Spirit helps in those moments?

Pray

Be an intercessor. Pray for someone.

Sing

I Stand Amazed

I STAND AMAZED

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned, unclean

Chorus:

How marvelous, how wonderful
And my song will ever be
How marvelous, how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me

For me it was in the garden,
He prayed: "Not my will, but Thine."
He had no tears for His own griefs,
But sweat-drops of blood for mine.

He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calv'ry,
And suffered, and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me.



FRIDAY

The Gift of the Holy Spirit

Read: Acts 2:38

The New Testament presents the Holy Spirit as the incredible gift that is given to believers as a natural outpouring of the grace of Christ at the moment of transformation, after repentance and baptism. In Jesus name, the believer is to repent and be baptized and then the gift of the Holy Spirit is given to the believer. But what is this gift, practically speaking?

The gift carries with it a profound practical significance. The Spirit empowers believers to become a witness, which uses their testimony to spread the gospel (Acts 1:8). The Spirit's role in the life of the believer extends to active participation of sharing the gospel.

Jesus also establishes the Holy Spirit as an ongoing presence, rather than a momentary experience of the Spirit. In John 14:16-17, we see Jesus refer to the Holy Spirit as "another Helper" and "the Spirit of truth," which gives credibility to this idea.

The fact that we have this level of access to the third person of the Triune God, the Holy Spirit, reflects the incredible gift of divine generosity He gives to believers. These different passages establish the Holy Spirit as a sign of salvation, a source of power for witness, and a permanent indwelling presence. The Holy Spirit functions not merely as an individual blessing, but as the dynamic force that motivates the expansion of the gospel. The Holy Spirit transforms believers into agents of evangelism within God's kingdom. Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit!

Discussion Questions:

What does the presence of the Holy Spirit tell us about our relationship with God?

Pray

Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Sing

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

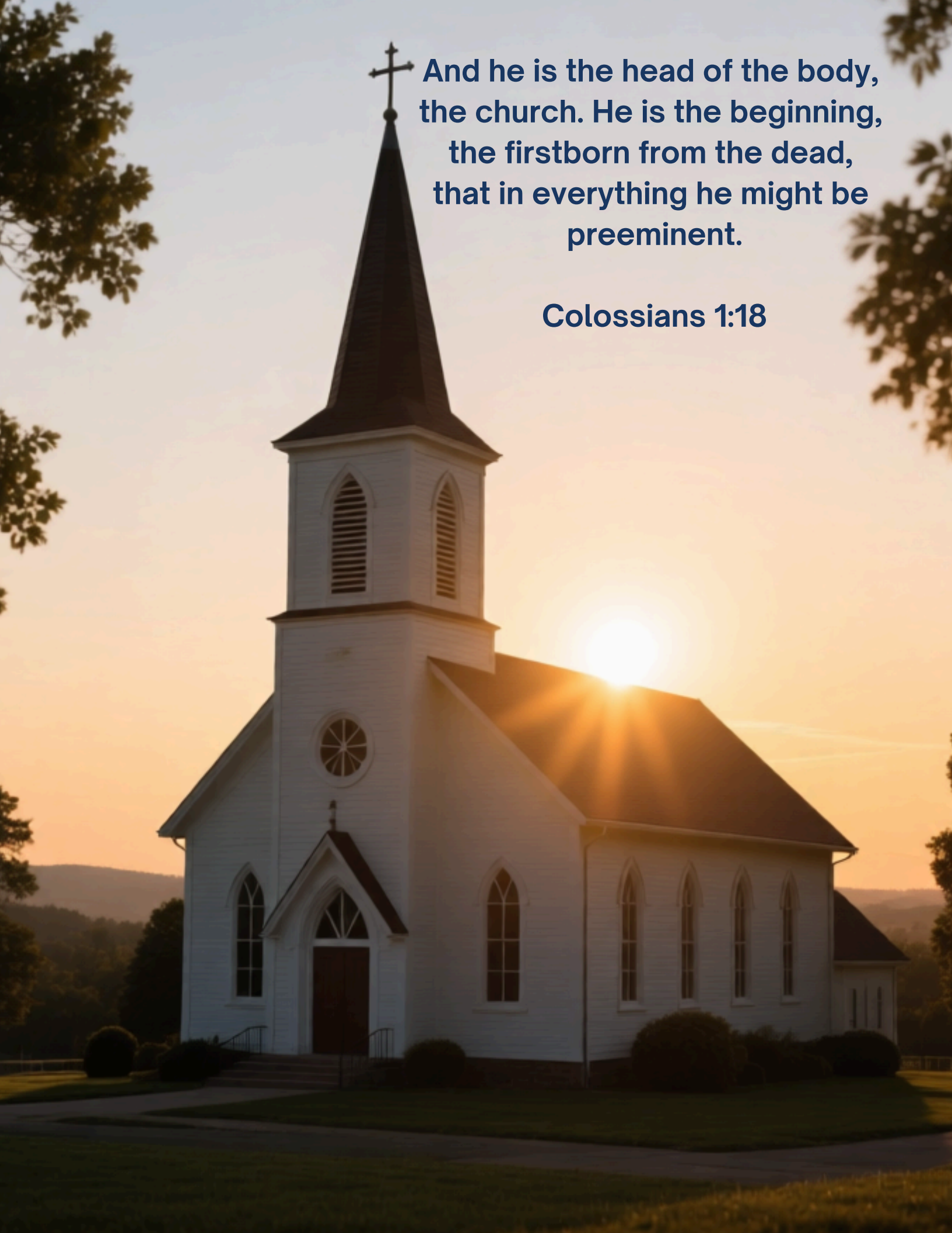
Chorus:

Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!
I have peace complete with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!



A white church with a steeple and a cross on top, set against a sunset background. The church has a prominent steeple with a cross on top. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The church has a gabled roof and several arched windows. The background shows a hazy landscape with trees and hills.

**And he is the head of the body,
the church. He is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything he might be
preeminent.**

Colossians 1:18

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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

