

KIDS CATECHISM

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Parent to child(ren): Have you ever been given something REALLY special to you? What was it? When it was given to you, what went through your mind? Were you thinking, "Wow! I really love that!" Or, were you thinking, "My! What a wonderful expression of love he / she showed to me?" When a person becomes a Christian, it is because he / she receives a wonderful gift. A gift that is freely given by God. A gift that is greater than any other gift that could be given. The gift of eternal life!

Now eternal life is not only the greatest gift anyone can receive, it was also the most costly to purchase! For God to give the gift of eternal life, He had to sacrifice His only begotten Son. That was a painfully hard thing for God to do, because God loves His perfect Son Jesus so much! So even though God knew He would raise Jesus from the dead, He first had to actually watch and witness as Jesus was rejected, lied about, mistreated, ruthlessly beaten and then nailed to a horribly cruel cross. Oh! how hard that must have been for God the Father! But that is the cost that He had to pay to purchase our salvation and give us eternal life.

Now when you receive a gift so great, so priceless, that cost God so much, what should be our thought? What should we want to do as a result? Well, that is exactly what the chapter we are studying this week was written to help us understand.

- Q56.** In view of all grace and mercy God has shown us in giving Jesus to die for our sins, what should Christians do?
A56. *Present ourselves to God* a living sacrifice, dedicating our lives fully to Him (12:1) (cf., 6:13, 19; I Cor. 6:20)
- Q57.** What must a Christian do to know God's will for his life?
A57. A Christian must *renew his mind by studying God's word* so he can reject the world's ways and learn and follow God's ways (12:2). (cf., I Pet. 1:14-16; I John 2:15-17; Eph. 4:23; 5:17; I Thess. 4:3a; Col. 3:10)
- Q58.** What is the main way God uses to pour grace out on us in the local church?
A58. *For everyone* in the local church *to use the gift he has been given to serve* the others. (12:6-8) (cf., I Peter 4:10)
- Q59.** What will a Christian do if he has truly sincere love for God?
A59. A Christian who has truly sincere love for God will *hate what is evil and cling to what is good!* (12:9) (cf., Job 1:1; Ps. 34:14; 97:10; Amos 5:15)
- Q60.** Should a Christian pay somebody back for a wrong done to him?
A60. *No! Christians should not seek revenge, but should return evil with good.* (12:17a) (cf., 19-21)

*** *Italicized words* can be used as shortened answers for smaller children. Older children can be helped to understand and learn the full answers.

SCRIPTURES TO HELP YOUR KIDS HIDE IN THEIR HEARTS

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Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."

Romans 12:3, "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good."

Romans 12:19, "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

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Romans 12:1, "And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice--the kind he will accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask?"

Romans 12:9, "Don't just pretend that you love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Stand on the side of the good."

Romans 12:19, "Dear friends, never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God. For it is written, "I will take vengeance; I will repay those who deserve it," says the Lord."

----- Suggested Memory Work -----

Up to age 6 / answers only (shortened, *italicized* answers)

Ages 7 - 9 / shortened answers plus one scripture

Ages 10-12 / full answers plus one or two scriptures

Ages 13 & up / full answers plus all three scriptures

NOTE TO DADS: At least one day this week, sit and read the "Parent to child(ren) section with your family. Then, read **Romans 12** with them (let those who can take turns and share in the reading). Make sure everyone is using the same translation. Next, go over the questions with them and see how they do just getting the basic idea. After that, help them with the wording of the answers (giving them one Q & A on M-F and encouraging them to memorize the answer is one way you could approach this part). By reading God's Word to them and passing on to them the things God is teaching you at Calvary Chapel, you will be discipling your own family, equipping them to be strong in the Lord and mighty in His Word (see, I John 2:14b)!