## SONG: And Can It Be

1. And can it be that I should gain
   An interest in the Savior's blood?
   Died He for me, who caused His pain?
   For me, who Him to death pursued?
   Amazing love! How can it be
   That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2. 'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies!
   Who can explore His strange design?
   In vain the firstborn seraph tries
   To sound the depths of love divine!
   'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore;
   Let angel minds inquire no more.

3. He left His Father's throne above,
   So free, so infinite His grace;
   Emptied Himself of all but love,
   And bled for Adam's helpless race;
   'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
   For, O my God, it found out me.

4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
   Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
   Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
   I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
   My chains fell off, my heart was free;
   I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

5. No condemnation now I dread;
   Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
   Alive in Him, my living Head,
   And clothed in righteousness divine,
   Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
   And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

# Boys & Girls CATECHISM

## Family Worship Guide

**Question 29: What does every sin deserve?**
**Answer: The anger and judgment of God**



West Oaks Baptist Church

## Day 1 - Sin Brings a Curse

*Scripture: Galatians 3:10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, 'Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.'*

God's law requires perfect obedience. It doesn't say that we must obey just most of the time or simply do more good than we do bad. God is holy, and every failure we have to obey Him is sin. That means sin is much more serious than we often want to think it is. Every sin deserves God's perfect and righteous judgment. We can't rescue ourselves by trying a little harder or piling up a bunch of good deeds on top of our failures. That is why we need Christ the son of God. Jesus perfectly obeyed God's law, and then bore the curse for His people on the cross. Our hope is not in our own obedience, but in His alone.

Question: Why can't our good deeds erase our sin?
Prayer Point: Ask God to help you see the seriousness of sin and your need for Christ.

## Day 2 - God's Anger Against Sin Is Righteous

*Scripture: Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men.*

God's anger is not like our sinful human anger. We sometimes become angry because we are selfish, impatient, or hurt, but God's wrath is always holy and just. God is perfectly good and He cannot simply treat evil as though it does not matter. If a judge ignored wrongdoing and never punished evil, we wouldn't call him a good judge. God's justice is perfect and that means our sin deserves His anger and judgment. That should really humble us. Sin is not merely making a mistake but it is really rebellion against God, who created us and gave us every good thing. The gospel tells us that God Himself provided the answer to His righteous judgment. Jesus willingly stood in the place of sinners and bore the judgment we deserved.

Question: How is God's anger against sin different from sinful human anger?
Prayer Point: Praise God for being perfectly holy and just, and thank Him for providing Christ as our Savior.

## Day 3 - God Judges Rightly

*Scripture: Romans 2:2 We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things.*

Sometimes people think God is unfair to judge sin but Scripture teaches exactly the opposite of that idea. God always judges rightly. We do not always know every fact. We may misunderstand someone's motives or make unfair judgments but God never does. He sees our every action, hears our every word, knows our every thought, and even every intention of the heart. God knows everything and is perfectly righteous, so His judgment can never be mistaken or wrong. No one will ever be able to stand before Him and truthfully say, "You judged me unfairly!"

That should make us take sin seriously, but it also makes the gospel wonderful to us. The Judge who knows our every guilt has provided His own Son to save guilty sinners. At the cross, God's justice and mercy meet.

Question: Why can we trust that God's judgment is always right?
Prayer Point: Ask God to help you confess your sins honestly instead of making excuses for them.

## Day 4 - Disobedience Has Consequences

*Scripture: Ephesians 5:6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.*

People often try to make sin seem small or harmless. We may hear that something does not matter because "everyone does it," or because it makes us happy. God warns us not to be deceived though. Sin has real consequences because it is rebellion against our holy God. Every sin deserves His anger and judgment. That truth should keep us from treating sin so lightly, but Christians do not fight sin just because they are afraid of punishment. Those who belong to Christ are loved, forgiven, and rescued from death and punishment. We turn away from sin because we love our Savior Jesus who gave Himself for us. As we begin to better understand what our sin deserves, the more clearly we see how amazing God's grace really is.

Question: What are some ways the world tries to make sin seem unimportant?
Prayer Point: Ask God to help you recognize temptation and turn away from sin quickly.

## Day 5 - Christ Bore the Curse

*Scripture: Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.*

Every sin deserves the anger and judgment of God. If that were the end of the story, we would have no hope, but God sent His Son Jesus who had no sin of His own. He perfectly obeyed the Father, and He willingly went to the cross. At the cross He took upon Himself the curse that we as sinners deserved. Notice what the verse says above, Christ became a curse for us. He stood in the place of His people. He received the judgment, the wrath of God so that those who trust in Him could receive forgiveness. This is the heart and message of the gospel. God does not pretend sin doesn't matter. Sin is so serious that Christ had to die, yet God's love is so great that Christ willingly died for sinners. As the song we now so often like to sing, His mercy is more!

Question: What does it mean that Christ became a curse "for us"?
Prayer Point: Thank Jesus for taking the judgment sinners deserve and giving His people forgiveness and righteousness.