

Family Worship

"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."
Deuteronomy 6:7



| Activity

Think about the bonus thought below. What is something that you can sacrifice for to give to someone else in need or just to show kindness?



| Memorization

Catechism #35 - Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from? *From the Holy Spirit.*

"But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior."

Titus 3:4-6

| Devotional

All Good Gifts

Quick. Pull out a sheet of paper and a pencil or crayon. We're going to make a list. Write down everything that you have... that hasn't been given to you.

| Song of the Week

"Great One in Three"

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| Playlist

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In other words, let's make a list of all that you have: whether they're things you can hold or skills you have or blessings in your life. How many of them haven't been given to you? Take some time to think about that.

Okay class, pencils down. What did you write down?

If your list is empty, then you have the right answer. You may not know it yet, but everything you've been given in life... you've been *given* in life. **All that we have is a good gift from the hand of our good Father**, isn't it? First and foremost, God gave us his Son, Jesus. That in itself is the most shocking gift ever, since we didn't deserve it at all. Similarly, the Bible teaches us that Jesus, the Son of God, gives good gifts too! Ephesians 4:7-8 says that grace has been *given* to each one of by Christ. It says that when Jesus went back to heaven, he gave gifts to all of us who are his.

God is a *giving* God. So the Father gives the Son. What does the Son give? The Son gives us the Holy Spirit! **Are you seeing a pattern here?** When we turn from our sins and receive the gift that the Father has given us, the Son gives us the gift *of* the Spirit and gifts *from* the Spirit. That's what this week's catechism means when it says,

"All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit, including faith itself."

What do you have that wasn't given to you first?

Did you catch that? Even our *faith* in Jesus is a gift from the Spirit. God the Father gave us Jesus; Jesus gave us the Spirit; the Spirit gives us faith to trust the Lord, the ability to fight sin (which we didn't have before), and the wisdom to know how to live. In addition to that, in the New Testament there are a lot of lists of gifts that the Spirit gives to the church. If your list above was blank, then don't fear, because the gifts that God gives to us are more than you can even imagine.

Here's a bonus thought: **Did you know that one of the gifts the Spirit gives us is the gift of giving?** That's right: The Father gives the Son; The Son gives the Spirit; The Spirit gives us spiritual gifts; And *we* can give freely to others because of everything God has given to us. Let that blow your mind for just a little bit today. =)

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| Prayer

P.R.A.Y. Did you catch that? Even our faith is a gift from the Holy Spirit! There's absolutely nothing we can do to earn our way to God. We can't even work up faith on our own. We desperately need the Holy Spirit to work inside us! **Ask** the Holy Spirit to help you believe and **praise** God for choosing to help people like you!

Then pray for the items to the right.

Missions focus: Tim Chapman & Peru Missions Covid has been hard in Peru recently. Pray that people would be protected and that the church would be a light in a difficult time.

Praying for our church:

- Pastor: Jon Kopp
- Deacon: Paul Howell
- Home Groups: Grinstead, Howell, Hulin