



This work is a catechism and devotional designed for use by the God-called leadership (Pastors, Teachers, Husbands, and Fathers) of the Liberty Baptist Church of Norwalk, California. It is our duty and desire as the Lord's church to equip our families for the purpose of spiritual maturity with a scripturally sound, doctrinally rich, and practically relevant didactic tool. It is our prayer that you would use this catechism and devotional on a regular basis to spiritually grow your family in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Following you will find the definitions (Webster's 1828) to the two words used to describe this work:

### "Catechism"

*"A form of instruction by means of questions and answers, particularly in the principles of religion. An elementary book containing a summary of principles in any science or art, but appropriately in religion, reduced to the form of questions and answers, and sometimes with notes, explanations, and references to authorities."*

### "Devotion"

*"The state of being dedicated, consecrated, or solemnly set apart for a particular purpose. A solemn attention to the Supreme Being in worship; a yielding of the heart and affections to God, with reverence, faith and piety, in religious duties, particularly in prayer and meditation; devoutness."*

Therefore, it is from these definitions that we hope to convey the purpose of this work. It is our desire that you use this material to train the mind and heart of your family with the word of God. It is our prayer that the result of this training will be a devoted, reverent, and spiritual walk with our Heavenly Father. This form of instruction has been used by God's people, both Jew and Christian alike, for centuries; the Jews using similar methods from a very early date after the giving and establishment of the law, and Christians then following that example regularly during the Church Age. There is no better content for the instruction of the believer than sound bible doctrine. There is no better method of instruction than repetition and explanation to engage the mind and heart of the student. This work is written with these truths in mind. We pray that it will be a blessing to your family for years to come, and that the fruit of it will last for generations.

We recommend that you use this catechism and devotion in the following way:

1. Pray that God would open your families' eyes to the truth presented from His word.
2. Read the question and answer the question 5 times each day for one week.
3. Read the scriptural support for the question and answer.
4. Discuss any further questions that may come up as a result of the discussion.
5. Recite the memory verse as a family 5 times each day.
6. Sing a hymn/chorus relevant to the subject of each lesson.
7. Pray for God's direction and protection for your family for the day.

Note: When you begin the next week, recite the previous week's question, answer, and memory verse one time each day before you move to the next question, answer, and memory verse.

May the Lord bless you as you study His word!