

The Gospel of the King

Signs of the End, Part 3

Mark 13:14-24a

“Abomination of desolation” as precursor to Tribulation:

Prophesied by Daniel (chs. 9-11) ... *fulfilled* in 168-167 BC under Antiochus Epiphanes;

Prophesied by Jesus ... *fulfilled* in 70 AD under Roman general (future emperor) Titus;

Both of which are **foreshadows** of another prophecy with *future* fulfillment ...
(2 Thessalonians 2:1-4)

Tribulation as precursor to Jesus’ Return:

The “antichrist” figure demands _____ from mankind. Fearful _____ of God’s people follows – causing them to need to _____.

This period of tribulation is _____, but _____.

Almost every reference to “tribulation” in the New Testament applies to what true Christians _____, rather than what they _____. (Matthew 24:21-22, John 16:33, Acts 14:22, Romans 5:3, 2 Thessalonians 1:4, Revelation 1:9, 2:9-10, 7:14)

The scriptures promise God’s people _____ *in* tribulation, not _____ *from* tribulation. (Revelation 12:1-17, Revelation 20:4-6, Galatians 1:4, John 17:15)

The comfort and hope we are given in scripture is Jesus’ _____, not a preceding _____.

Jesus’ Return as “Blessed Hope”: (Titus 2:11-13, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

The _____, which includes the _____ of the ‘dead in Christ’ along with the _____ of all living saints, is a non-negotiable Biblical certainty.

His return is not is _____, but is _____ and _____ (1 Thess 4:16-17), and _____ to all (Matthew 24:30).

It will be _____ in timing (1 Thess 5:2-3, 2 Peter 3:3-10), but clearly _____ (Matthew 24:27).

This _____ is, and has been, the abiding hope of every Christian for 2,000 years.

In times of duress, persecution, tribulation, and even in the face of _____, it is our sure _____, enabling us to _____.

All Christians should agree that ...

Jesus will soon return _____. Time is not an endless cycle. History is headed towards a conclusion.

In his return, Jesus will come as a conquering _____. When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem for holy week, he came on an animal of peace (Zechariah 9:9, Matthew 21:1-11). But when He comes again, he will come on a white stallion symbolizing victory (Revelation 19:11-16). Every knee will bow. Every tongue will confess.

Knowing that Jesus will return motivates us to live _____ lives (2 Peter 3:11-14, 1 John 3:1-3), _____ lives (Psalm 22:7, Matthew 24:14), and to be _____ of our lives (1 Peter 4:7-11).

We joyfully anticipate a _____. Death does not have the final word! (1 Cor. 15:50-58)

God’s people will spend _____ with Him. (Revelation 21:3-5)

_____ awaits those who reject Christ. Those who do not receive Christ as Lord and Savior await eternal condemnation with no hope of reversing their state (Matt 10:28, 25:46, John 3:36, 2 Thess 1:9, Revelation 14:11, 22:8-10).

*Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
January 17, 2021*

Sunday Morning Call to Prayer

Our weekly Call to Prayer will be posted on our social media on Sunday mornings at 8:00 am. We look forward to resuming in person again soon.

New Midweek Series

Wednesdays | 6:00 pm | Sanctuary

Pastor Paul has begun a new Midweek Bible study series: ***Genesis - Where Grace Begins***. As we study, we’ll see that understanding Genesis is foundational for understanding the rest of the Bible. Genesis also hits on so many contemporary issues of our times: origin of the universe, creation vs. evolution, human dignity, gender, marriage, sin, deception, greed, murder, abuse, war, immorality, and oppression. And most importantly, Genesis shows us the heart of God for the people He created! The good news of God’s mercy and grace doesn’t wait to begin in the Gospels. In fact, the gospel (God’s Good News) actually begins in Genesis!

Calvary Kids Volunteers

Calvary Kids Ministry has a need for volunteers in 2nd Grade Life Group (Sundays at 8:30 am) and the Kids Worship (Sundays at 10:00 am). If you’re interested in helping or want more information, email zach@calvarydothan.com. or call/text 334.733.6326.

Senior Adult Mid-Month Worship Service

Thursday, January 21 | 11:00 am | Sanctuary

Randy Hunt will be preaching the worship service this month. Box lunches will be available for pick-up in the Fellowship Center Foyer immediately following the service. Sign up for the lunch through your Life Group.

Membership Matters

Dinner with the Pastor | Tuesday, February 16 | 6:15 pm | Parlor

Membership Class | Sunday, February 28 | 8:30 am | Office Conference Room

If you are considering membership at Calvary, you are invited to a *Dinner with the Pastor* on Tuesday, February 16. The dinner will be followed by the *Membership Matters Class* on Sunday, February 28. Contact angie@calvarydothan.com or call the church office by Friday, February 12 to RSVP for dinner and/or childcare.

Pursuit Men’s Conference 2021

February 19-20 | Ridgecrest Baptist Church | Cost: \$25

The goal of Pursuit Men’s Conference is to facilitate a place where men can come together as a Christ-centered brotherhood to become emboldened by God’s Word. Register at pursuitmensconference.org.

Movie Night | American Gospel: Christ Crucified

Sunday, February 21 | 5:00 pm | Fellowship Center

The gospel message of “Christ crucified” has always been offensive. In our culture it is common for preachers to soften the offense of the cross, and the attributes of God that are displayed in the person of work of Jesus Christ. “American Gospel: Christ Crucified” explores how the paths of post-modernism and progressive Christianity lead to a different gospel, and a god created in our own image.

What’s Your Salvation Story?

Over the next several months, we will be sharing short testimonies from our members on all our social media platforms. We’d love to hear how God saved you! Here’s what we’d like you to do: video a short (about 5 minutes) story about how God changed your life and made you new. Email it to justin@calvarydothan.com. Then, we’ll share it on our website and on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. so that others may hear of the goodness of God!

In today’s message, we’ll look at how Jesus lovingly prepared his disciples then for what *was* to come, and how he prepares his disciples today for what *is* to come. Included in that future is the certainty of tribulation. Jesus said, *“In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”* (John 16:33).

As we study the words of Jesus and consider briefly other eschatological texts, we’ll discover that the Bible promises God’s people protection *in* tribulation, but not deliverance from tribulation. As we look to the future and the possibility that the end of all things is soon, our confidence as believers should not be in a secret escape from tribulation, but rather in the protection of God through tribulation until the revelation of Christ in his glorious Second Coming. This coming is – and has always been – the sure and steadfast hope of God’s people.

Certainly today there are many who have been influenced by books and movies such as *Left Behind* and by pastors and teachers who speak of two distinct and separate events (Rapture and Return). It’s my conviction that there is not a single passage that makes a distinction between the two events. Christ will not return secretly, but visibly. And when he does, all saints – living and dead – will meet him in the air and descend with him in power and glory.

We will not all likely agree on specifics of the end times like this, but we can all show charity towards our fellow Christians regarding our eschatology.

Consider the wisdom of one of my favorite pastor/teachers:

In standing fast in the faith, if we are not animated by the spirit of love, we may not always differentiate as we should between faith in its essence and certain peculiar interpretations and expositions of our own. Here is a theme which might very easily occupy our minds on many occasions. There is nothing so tragic, I sometimes think, in certain circles as the way in which men fail to differentiate between that which is of the essence of the faith and certain other matters about which there can be no certainty ... There is the same difference of opinion as to when the rapture of the saints is to take place. Men separate from each other about matters of that nature, where there is no certainty, and where there can be no certainty, though the return of the Lord is certain. Who can decide who is right ...? I could mention great names on both sides, equally expert theologians. Surely these are matters where there can be a legitimate difference of opinion. Let us bear in mind the adage: “In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.”
“Stand fast in the faith.” Yes, but in a spirit of love.

(from The Christian in an Age of Terror: Selected Sermons of Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones 1941-1950)

- Pastor Paul

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

My Decision Today:

I trusted Jesus as Savior.

I’d like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pastors & Prayer Team Only

Churchwide

Connect Card

January 17, 2021

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate.

- Please update my information
- Please contact me about membership

I am a:

- First Time Guest
- Guest
- Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

Male Female

Married Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Children:

Name / Date of Birth

Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.

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I'm New Here

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/podcast or use Calvary's MobileMission app.

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FIRST TIME GUEST?

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church. Please fill out the Connect Card to the left and place it in one of the offering plates when they are passed. Be sure to stop by our Next Steps kiosk after the service for a gift from us!

THE PEOPLE CAME...

January 10

Life Group: 130
10:00 Worship: 277
6:00 Worship: 74
Hispanic Church: 78

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given January 10: \$42,403
Given Y-T-D: \$57,279
Y-T-D Required: \$103,538.46
Lottie Moon Offering: \$148,633.72

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, January 17:

2 Chr 7, 2 Jn 1, Hab 2, Lk 21

Monday, January 18:

2 Chr 8, 3 Jn 1, Hab 3, Lk 22

Tuesday, January 19:

2 Chr 9, Jude 1, Zep 1, Lk 23

Wednesday, January 20:

2 Chr 10, Rev 1, Zep 2, Lk 24

Thursday, January 21:

2 Chr 11-12, Rev 2, Zep 3, Jn 1

Friday, January 22:

2 Chr 13, Rev 3, Hg 1, Jn 2

Saturday, January 23:

2 Chr 14-15, Rev 4, Hg 2, Jn 3

Midweek Schedule

6:00 pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary

Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building (**Preregister at calvarydothan.com**)

Children, Grades 1-5, ROC

Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room

4 Ways to Give

- Give online by using the MobileMission app for Apple or Android or go to calvarydothan.com/GiveOnline.
- On Sundays, drop in the collection boxes near the Fellowship Center exit doors
- Mail to 901 Montezuma Avenue, Dothan, AL 36303
- Bring to the church office, M-F, 8am-12noon & 1-4:30pm

UPDATED GUEST INFORMATION

In this interim period as we are trying to respond as responsibly as we can to the threat of Covid-19 around us, we are intentionally limiting up-close, face-to-face encounters where possible. Therefore, we are not passing offering plates for the time being. But if you are a guest, we still want to hear from you and meet you! So please complete the attached Connect Card and place in the offering collection boxes at the exits. Also, if you have prayer needs or personal needs, please share those with us as well. You may also email us at info@CalvaryDothan.com or call or text anytime to (334) 708-0513. We'd love to hear from you, pray with you or for you, or talk with you about any spiritual questions you have or decisions you have made.

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, January 17:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

Saturday, January 23:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Sunday, January 24:

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 20 | 6:00 pm

Genesis - Where Grace Begins

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, January 24 | 10:00 am

The Gospel of the King

Signs of the End, Part 4:

Glorious Appearing

Mark 13:24-27

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, January 27 | 6:00 pm

Genesis - Where Grace Begins

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, January 31 | 10:00 am

The Gospel of the King

Preparing Ourselves for the End

Mark 13:28-37

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30am Life Group

10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center

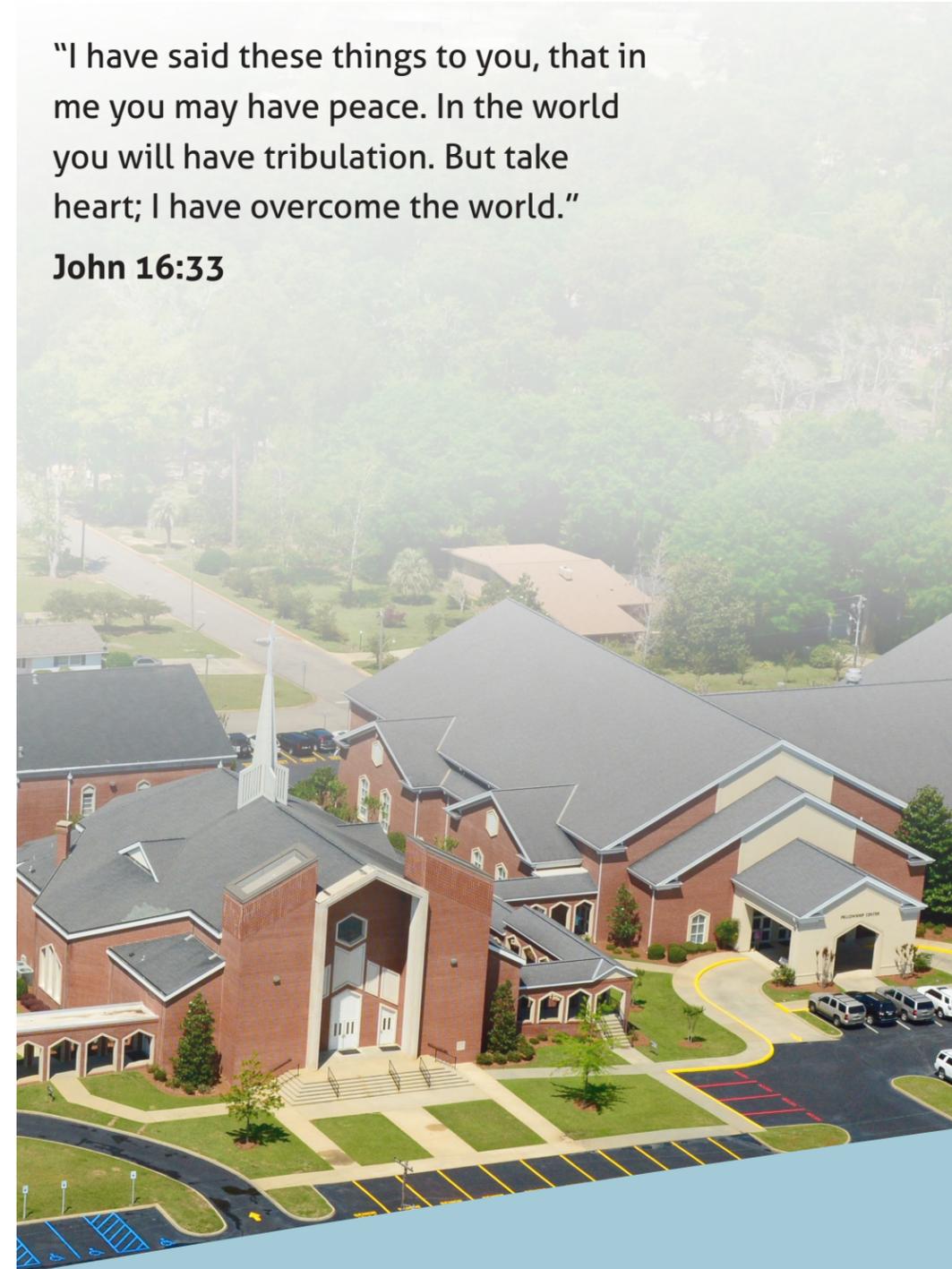
Live Stream on Facebook & YouTube

Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel

11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM 94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

John 16:33



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BAPTIST CHURCH