

Jesus: God’s Final Word

What to Do When I’m Not Yet Who I Want to Be

Hebrews 5:11-14

“About this ...” Jesus, Our High Priest

“... being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.” (5:10)

What the author wants to share – the beauty and depth of God’s redemptive work in Christ – is _____, but not because it is so mysterious as to be unascertainable, nor because he is an _____ but because they have become “_____” in their hearing!

Desire for God and His Word was _____.

Biblical truths had become routine, even _____. They were _____.

Competing voices had _____ out God’s.

They had disconnected everlasting _____ from everyday _____.

They couldn’t see why what was being taught _____.

Their spiritual condition? _____!

_____ is no guarantee of spiritual growth.

Where/who they *should have* been: Like “teachers”, able to _____ and _____ ...

... the _____ of Scripture

... the worth and work of _____

... a thoroughly biblical _____ that applies Scripture to all of _____

Spiritual maturity looks like this:

“... those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.”

If their condition describes mine, what can I do to grow beyond where I am?

- 1) _____ that God changes your heart about Him and His Word. Pray that your _____ changes.
- 2) _____ to the basics with new zeal and interest until ‘the pieces’ begin to fit.
- 3) _____ how to learn God’s Word. Some truths are easily accessible, others less-so.
 - a. Sit under solid _____
 - b. Employ sound _____
 - c. Learn with _____
- 4) ___ what you _____. (You’ll never truly _____ God’s Word without _____ God’s Word.)
- 5) _____ applying biblical truths to every situation.

My next step:

Wiregrass Hope Group Baby Bottles

If you have not turned in your baby bottle in support of Wiregrass Hope Group, there is still time to do so. Just turn in your full bottle to the church office or drop it by the Wiregrass Hope Group office at 171 Westgate Pkwy. Thank you for supporting this ministry partner.

Calvary Kids Shipwreck Island Day Trip

Grades 1-5 | July 21 | \$36 per person

We will go to Shipwreck Island for the day in Panama City Beach, Florida. We will leave the ROC at 8:30AM and return around 7:00PM.

Things you’ll need:

Money for (1) meal; other food and drink

Swimsuit and change of clothes

Register by texting “Shipwreck Trip” to 334.733.6326

Deadline to sign up is Monday, July 19.

Calvary Kids Volunteer Opportunities

LOOKIN’ FOR A GREAT PLACE to serve and make a huge impact? Calvary Kids will have several great opportunities available beginning this August to join our team as we share and demonstrate the love of Christ to early elementary and preteen boys and girls. Interested? Get the conversation started today by texting “Calvary Kids” to 334.733.6326 or email Zach, zach@calvarydothan.com.

Calvary Student Activities

July 22: Six Flags Day Trip

July 26-30: Mission Week

July 31: Canoe Trip

Event details will be announced via text message and social media. Text @csm901 to 81010 to receive updates from Calvary Student Ministry.

Midweek Schedule

There will be no Midweek worship in July. Midweek will resume August 4 with the following schedule.

5:30 pm Midweek Meal, Fellowship Center

6:00 pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary
Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building
Children, Grades 1-5, ROC
Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room

Dinner with the Pastor

Tuesday, August 10 | 6:15 pm | Parlor

Membership Matters

Sunday, August 22 | 8:30 am | Office Conference Room

If you are considering membership at Calvary, please join us for Dinner with the Pastor and the Membership Matters class. Contact Angie Tice in the church office or email angie@calvarydothan to RSVP for the dinner and childcare. Childcare will be provided for 6-week-olds through 5th grade.

English as A Second Language

Begins August 11 | 6:00 pm | Room 003 below the Sanctuary

Calvary’s ESL class meets every Wednesday night and has experienced teachers who teach 3 different levels of classes: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. There is no cost for the class and childcare is available. Plesae share this information with anyone you know who might be interested. For more information, contact Louise Garrett, 334.333.2327.

From a sermon by John Piper, entitled *By This Time You Ought to Be Teachers ...*

“The writer of Hebrews hasn’t come right out and said it until now. But he has implied it. There is something wrong with the Christians he is writing to.

- In 2:1 he said, Pay close attention to the message you’ve heard lest you drift away.
- In 3:1 he said, Consider Jesus.
- In 3:8 he said, Don’t harden your hearts like Israel did in the wilderness.
- In 3:12 he said, Take care, lest you have an evil heart of unbelief.
- In 4:1 he said, Fear, lest you fail to enter God’s rest.
- In 4:11 he said, Be diligent to enter God’s rest lest you fall by disobedience.
- And in 4:14 he said, Hold fast to your confession.

In all of these urgent admonitions you begin to get the impression: this writer is really concerned about some situation in the churches of his day. But until now he has only given the cure, not the diagnosis. Now he tells us what’s wrong.

He comes to the end of 5:9–10 and says that Christ has been perfected through suffering and that he has been designated a High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek. And he takes a breath—you can almost hear him sigh—and says, in 5:11, “Concerning him [or concerning this—what I’ve just been talking about briefly] we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.” And there is our first explicit diagnosis. Here’s the disease he is working on in this letter: dullness of hearing.

This is what’s behind all those exhortations: Pay close attention! Consider! Don’t harden your heart! Fear! Be diligent! Hold fast! These are all doctor’s prescriptions for the disease of dullness of hearing.

The most urgent question this morning is: Do you have this disease, and if so, how can you get well?”

That’s our topic today: What to Do When I’m Not Yet Who I Want to Be

What do I do when the Bible and biblical teaching is just sort of like background noise in my life? When I’m hearing it, but it’s not really sinking in or affecting me? What do I do if I come to the realization that, in spite of the time I’ve been a Christian and the things I’ve done because I’m a Christian, I’m actually *regressing* and not *progressing* in my faith? If I’m not growing up spiritually into who and what God made me to be, what’s the answer?

I pray that today God will speak to you thru His Word any by His Spirit and your passion for Him will be rekindled. If you are not yet a follower of Christ, I pray today that a spark of faith will ignite in you so that you believe in Christ and become His follower!

May God’s Word have full effect in us today!

- 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

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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

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- Female

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Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Children:

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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.

How to Become a Christian

Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to calvarydothan.com/become-a-christian/.

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...

July 11

Life Groups: 479
 10:00 Worship: 539
 6:00 Worship: 110
 Hispanic Church: 118

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given July 11: \$50,697
 Jan.-May Budget
 Surplus (Deficit): (\$25,407.64)

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, July 18:

Dt 11, Ps 95-96, Is 39, Rev 9

Monday, July 19:

Dt 12, Ps 97-98, Is 40, Rev 10

Tuesday, July 20:

Dt 13-14, Ps 99-101, Is 41, Rev 11

Wednesday, July 21:

Dt 15, Ps 102, Is 42, Rev 12

Thursday, July 22:

Dt 16, Ps 103, Is 43, Rev 13

Friday, July 23:

Dt 17, Ps 104, Is 44, Rev 14

Saturday, July 24:

Dt 18, Ps 105, Is 45, Rev 15

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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 offering plate or 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

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson.....Senior Pastor
 Charles Uptain.....Executive Pastor
 Dan Tankersley.....Discipleship
 Matthew Dorsey.....Music/Worship

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, July 18:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

Saturday, July 24:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Sunday, July 25:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 25 | 10:00 am

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What God Will Not Permit

Hebrews 6:1-12

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, August 1 | 10:00 am

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The Anchor for Our Souls

Hebrews 6:13-20

Message by Paul Thompson

No Midweek Worship in July

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00 am Call to Prayer, Sanctuary

8:30 am Life Group

10:00 am Worship, Fellowship Center

Live Stream on Facebook & YouTube

Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel (except 1st Sunday)

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

¹ My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, ² making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; ³ yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, ⁴ if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, ⁵ then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

Proverbs 2:1-5



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 BAPTIST CHURCH

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