

# Jesus: God’s Final Word

## The Only Way to Assurance

### Hebrews 6:1-12

#### “Therefore ...”

“... *let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity ...*” (6:1)

There is no way that we can be confident of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the perpetually \_\_\_\_\_. That’s why we have the warnings in this passage!

There’s a direct correlation between spiritual immaturity (as a result of self-inflicted “\_\_\_\_\_” hearing) and \_\_\_\_\_.

But ... \_\_\_\_\_ leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

*And this we will do if God permits. (v. 3)*

**Foundations and fundamentals of the faith** that we build on as we mature:

The \_\_\_\_\_ to the Christian life – repentance and faith

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christian life – baptism and the Holy Spirit

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christian life – resurrection and judgment

**Two “cases” illustrated by two “lands”** ... the key to understanding and applying this passage

“... *it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.*” (6:4-6)

“... *yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation.*” (6:9)

#### Case 1:

- The issue here is not \_\_\_\_\_ (from sin) but \_\_\_\_\_ (from faith).
- The result of apostasy is \_\_\_\_\_.
- They’ve turned from \_\_\_\_\_ ... they now hold him in “contempt”.
- This isn’t a \_\_\_\_\_ hypothesis. This is a \_\_\_\_\_, real-life warning.
- The Bible offers \_\_\_ hope or assurance to those who are \_\_\_\_\_. (Heb. 3:6)

The *absence* of spiritual “fruit” (or \_\_\_\_\_ of real salvation) indicates their \_\_\_\_\_ condition. (v. 7-8)

What do we do with the “profoundly Christian language” of vv. 4-5?

*They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. (1 John 2:19)*

It’s possible to be \_\_\_\_\_ to all the benefits of God as to be “almost Christian” and be condemned forever.

Is there a parallel in the Old Testament? (See: Psalm 95:7-11)

#### Case 2:

- Their lives \_\_\_\_\_ salvation.
- The challenge is to \_\_\_\_\_ in the faith ... to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Remember: \_\_\_\_\_ gives \_\_\_\_\_.
- Keep \_\_\_\_\_.
- Don’t allow yourself to become “\_\_\_\_\_”.

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God’s great aim for us?

“... *full assurance of hope until the end ...*” (v.11) so that we “... *inherit the promises*” (v. 12)

#### My response to both the warning and the encouragement:

*Dr. Paul Thompson  
Calvary Baptist Church  
July 25, 2021*

### Gospel Conversations Workshop

Saturday, August 14th | 8:00 am - Noon | Fellowship Center

We are excited to welcome Birmingham Gospel Outreach (in partnership with The Church at Brook Hills) to host a gospel conversations workshop! Please take advantage of this excellent opportunity to become better equipped as an “everyday missionary.” Continental breakfast and snacks will be provided. Childcare will also be provided, but you must RSVP with Joyce Alexander (joyce@calvarydothan.com).

### Family Bike Night | Wednesday, July 28 | 6-7:30pm

Preschool and Calvary Kids families, bring your bikes, your scooters, your skateboards, and your family for our “Family Bike Night.” We will block off our parking lot and allow children to safely ride with their friends! Parents must stay. Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy this fun time of fellowship. We will also have “Tikiz Shaved Ice and Ice Cream” on site for you to enjoy!

### 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 26-28:** Mission Week - Meet at Calvary at 8:30am or at Girard Elementary at 9am.

**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.

### 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.

### Midweek Activities Begin August 4

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

7:00 pm Adult Choir, Choir 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.

One of my all-time favorite pastor-theologians is Dr. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones. He once noted that he had seen over the course of thirty-five years ministry more Christians caused to struggle with their assurance because of misunderstanding this passage we are going to address (Hebrews 6) today than perhaps any other passage in Scripture. He said,

*“It’s not that this is the hardest passage in Scripture to interpret; it’s not. There are other passages that are harder to interpret than this one. It’s that this passage of Scripture has had a unique power when misunderstood to unsettle the hearts of believers.”*

Ligon Duncan says of this text:

*This passage is a hard passage because it says some things that are hard to understand. And very frankly, it says some things that are hard to swallow. And it forces us to do the hard work of doing personal, spiritual inventory. You really can’t study this passage with detachment. And to study it spiritually is rather draining because it requires you to do heart examination. But my friends, this is the Word of God and He means it for the good of our souls and it is for the good of our souls. And so we don’t want either to downplay the warnings we find here, nor to ignore the encouragements that we find in this passage. And we must remember something that I’ve tried to repeat regularly as we’ve worked our way through the book of Hebrews this time — the author of Hebrews is not aiming to unsettle the assurance of true believers. He’s not sitting in his study saying, “What could I say to make real Christians doubt their salvation?” That’s not his goal at all. These warnings are real. They come in the context of people in this congregation that are considering turning their backs on Jesus, leaving the Christian church, and going back to Judaism. And the warnings are being given specifically into that situation. He’s not dealing with sincere Christians who are struggling with sin; that’s a different issue. He’s dealing with the issue of renouncing our confession of Christ, whether actually or functionally. And the warning is simply this — to renounce Christ is to step across a line from which you may never return. And so I don’t want true believers to be inappropriately discouraged by this passage, but I don’t want any of us to muffle the warning that is given here ...*

Today, we will consider both the warning and the encouragement of Hebrews 6:1-12.

The author of Hebrews is warning them (and us) of apostasy – of fully and fatally falling away from Christ. He makes it clear that it is possible to sit under the benefits and blessings of a Christian community and still not have genuine faith.

The final part of the passage though provides us with a powerful word of encouragement. God wants us to have a confident, abiding faith. He wants our trust in Him to be steadfast. As Hebrews states, God wants us to “have the full assurance of hope to the end”!

So today, we’ll look at both – the warning and the hope of Hebrews 6.

I pray that God – through His Word and Spirit – speaks to you 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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### 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/](http://calvarydothan.com/become-a-christian/).

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to [calvarydothan.com/podcast](http://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 18

Life Groups: 433  
10:00 Worship: 464  
Hispanic Church: 144

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given July 18: \$49,787  
Jan.-June Budget  
Surplus (Deficit): (\$40,117.13)

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, July 25:

Dt 19, Ps 106, Is 46, Rev 16

Monday, July 26:

Dt 20, Ps 107, Is 47, Rev 17

Tuesday, July 27:

Dt 21, Ps 108-109, Is 48, Rev 18

Wednesday, July 28:

Dt 22, Ps 110-111, Is 49, Rev 19

Thursday, July 29:

Dt 23, Ps 112-113, Is 50, Rev 20

Friday, July 30:

Dt 24, Ps 114-115, Is 51, Rev 21

Saturday, July 31:

Dt 25, Ps 116, Is 52, Rev 22

### Midweek Schedule

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5:30 pm Midweek Meal, Fellowship Center

6:00 pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary  
Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building (Preregister at [calvarydothan.com](http://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](http://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 25:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Saturday, July 31:

Matthew Dorsey | 919-495-9483

Sunday, August 1:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

### SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 1 | 10:00 am

Jesus: God's Final Word

The Anchor for Our Souls

Hebrews 6:13-20

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, August 8 | 10:00 am

Jesus: God's Final Word

Our King and High Priest

Hebrews 7:1-10

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.

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**1 John 2:19**



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