

Jesus: God’s Final Word

The Anchor for Our Souls

Hebrews 6:13-20

Who “perseveres” who?
vv. 11-12 challenges us to be “_____” or “_____” in perseverance so that we can ultimately realize the fulfillment of our “hope”.
The second part of the chapter says that our “hope” is “_____” and “_____”.
(v. 18-19)

So **how** are we kept secure until the end?
Romans 8:30 – If we are _____ in Christ, we will receive every _____ of Christ, including _____.
John 6:37-39 – Jesus came to earth on a _____ of _____ from the father and that mission will not _____.
John 10:27-30 – Only if the _____ between the Father and the Son fails, could his covenant with _____ fail.
Romans 8:1 – We are declared _____ thru Christ and that _____ will not be overturned.
Philippians 1:6 – Our perseverance is guaranteed by _____.
2 Tim 1:12 – Christ is the _____ of our souls.

Abraham – A Case Study on Perseverance and Assurance

How significant are the promises God made to Abraham in Genesis?

I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. (Genesis 22:17a)
God’s promise to Abraham was based solely on _____.
God’s promise to Abraham was a certain as _____.
Abraham responded to God’s promise with _____ and _____.
The ultimate fulfillment of God’s promise to Abraham is _____.

A few lessons:

God’s _____ and demonstrated faithfulness _____ Abraham’s _____ and _____. (He remained faithful because of the promise! And though Abraham’s faith was imperfect and inconsistent at times, God remains ever faithful to Himself and to His Word.)
Because Abraham believed what God had _____, he was willing to be _____ and he _____ to the end.
The result? He _____ the promise of God!

My Anchor ...

is based on God’s _____, not my _____.
Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.
(Hebrews 10:23)
is based on the _____ of _____ who is my _____ and my _____.

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. (Hebrews 9:24)
God’s bloody oath to Abraham (Genesis 15:7ff), and He cut a _____ covenant with us!
We can stake our everything on it!
Therefore, he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.
(Hebrews 2:17)

So, now I ...

*Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
August 1, 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).

Life Group Promotion Sunday, August 8

For Preschoolers, Children, and Students

Second Sunday Night Prayer Service

Sunday, August 8 | 6:00 pm | Fellowship Center

Prayer Emphasis: Fall D-Groups (internal focus) and Gospel Conversations (external focus)

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.

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. Please share this information with anyone you know who might be interested. For more information, contact Louise Garrett, 334.333.2327.

Back to School Mission Opportunities

Teacher Classroom Supplies

These assigned Life Group items can continue to be dropped off at the church office until **August 4**.

Clear Backpack Drive

Our goal this year is **200 clear backpacks** to bless students at DPA and Carver 9th Grade Academy. An email has been sent to all church members with a link to the backpack(s) we’d like you to purchase. Backpacks can be shipped directly to the church. Deadline is **August 11**.

One of the most influential and helpful Baptist confessions of faith is probably the New Hampshire Confession of 1833. In response to a rising tide of anti-missionary sentiment from hyper-Calvinists on one side and the growth of man-centered Pelagianism taught by influential revivalists like Charles Finney and the “free-will” influence of Benjamin Randall on the other side, the New Hampshire Confession served as a bridge to previous and long-held Baptist confessions and bridge that would unite Baptists who were not at either extreme.

On the subject of perseverance, The New Hampshire Confession states:

We believe that sanctification is the process by which according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means- especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer.

In our Calvary statement on “what we teach”, we state that ...

“... all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God’s power and are thus secure in Christ forever (John 5:24; 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Romans 5:9-10; 8:1, 31-39; 1 Corinthians 1:4-8; Ephesians 4:30; Hebrews 7:25; 13:5; 1 Peter 1:5; Jude 24).”

So why the serious warning passages from scripture? Why Hebrews 6 and 10?

Aren’t we told that we must persevere to the end to be saved? (Matthew 10:22, 24:13)

Aren’t we challenged to not “give up?” (Galatians 6:9)

Aren’t we told that if we deny Him, he’ll deny us? (2 Tim 2:12)

Aren’t we warned that we will only be saved if we “hold firmly to the faith”? (1 Cor. 15:1-2)

Aren’t we required to remain “steadfast” (James 5:11) and “hold fast” (Revelation 3:11) to be saved?

It’s clear from these passages (and from our text last week in Hebrews 6:1-12) that we must persevere to the end to enjoy the promise and reward of our salvation. We must – as Eugene Peterson writes in The Message – “extend that same intensity toward a full-bodied hope, and keep at it till the finish”, and “... stay the course with committed faith and then get everything promised ...”

We must persevere in our faith all the way to the end. But in today’s message, **The Anchor for Our Souls**, we’ll consider the other side of perseverance – **God’s**. We will see that our hope rests ultimately in God’s promises, not our performance! And the person who counts most in the success of our salvation is not us, but Jesus Christ! Today we’ll discover how He perseveres us! How awesome is that! What we need most – what is a non-negotiable essential to our salvation – is ultimately guaranteed by Christ Himself. We can have a “sure and steadfast hope for our souls” if that hope is anchored in Him!

For His glory and our good,

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

August 1, 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
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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 25

Life Groups: 372
10:00 Worship: 437
Hispanic Church: 110

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given July 25: \$30,451
Jan.-June Budget
Surplus (Deficit): (\$40,117.13)

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, August 1:

Dt 26, Ps 117-118, Is 53, Mt 1

Monday, August 2:

Dt 27:1-28:19, Ps 119:1-24, Is 54, Mt 2

Tuesday, August 3:

Dt 28:20-68, Ps 119:25-48, Is 55, Mt 3

Wednesday, August 4:

Dt 29, Ps 119:49-72, Is 56, Mt 4

Thursday, August 5:

Dt 30, Ps 119:73-96, Is 57, Mt 5

Friday, August 6:

Dt 31, Ps 119:97-120, Is 58, Mt 6

Saturday, August 7:

Dt 32, Ps 119:121-144, Is 59, Mt 7

Midweek Schedule

5:30 pm Midweek Meal, Fellowship Center

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

7:00 pm Adult Choir, Choir 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 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, August 1:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Saturday, August 7:

Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191

Sunday, August 8:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 8 | 10:00 am

Jesus: God's Final Word

Our King and High Priest

Hebrews 7:1-10

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, August 15 | 10:00 am

Jesus: God's Final Word

Our New and Better High Priest

Hebrews 7:11-22

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

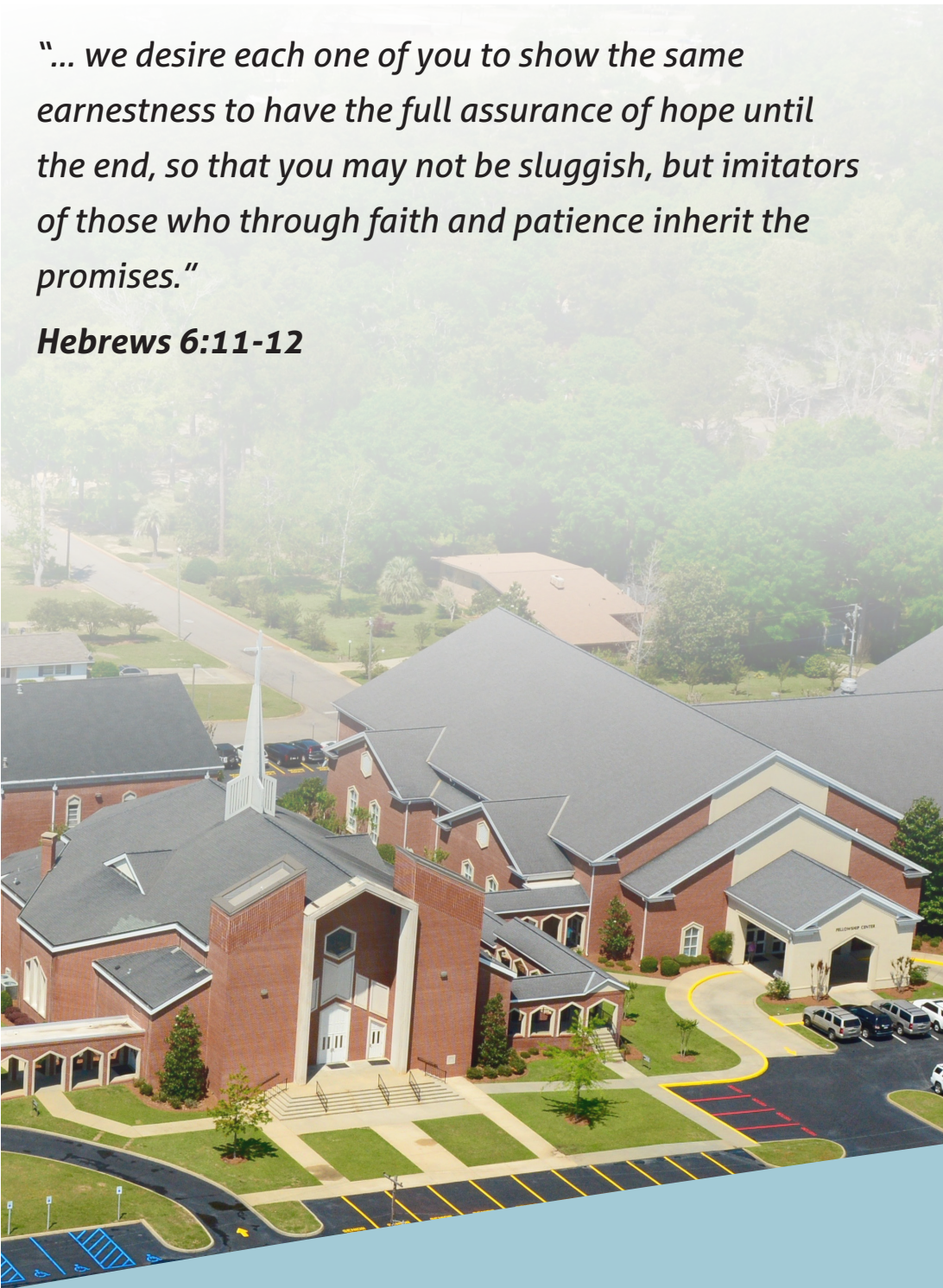
Live Stream on Facebook & YouTube

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.

"... we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

Hebrews 6:11-12



WELCOME TO
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