

Jesus: God’s Final Word

Our High Priest Forever

Hebrews 7:23-28

Context ...

In chapters 4 and 5, we discovered a portion of Jesus’ ministry as our high priest: He is a truly human being, tempted in every respect just like we are, and he can therefore sympathize fully with our weakness and the pressures we find ourselves under. Not only that, Jesus knows sin far better than we do since he fought temptation to the end and won. He never gave in.

But now we’ve discovered far more ...

We’ve learned that Jesus, through his _____ (Hebrews 7:15-17), is the guarantor of a _____ and _____ covenant with God.

It’s his _____ that saves us, not just his _____. He still is saving us. He is _____ (unlike all priests that preceded him).

**Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. (v. 25)*

Three big ideas ... **Uttermost, Intercession, Fitting**

Uttermost ...

There is no part of our existence that our salvation does not touch. From beginning to end, he will save us _____, _____, and _____.

Also, when we consider the greatness of our salvation, we should consider more than what we have been saved _____ and consider what we are being saved ____!

See: Westminster Catechism, Ch. 8, Section 1

Intercession ...

Jesus intercedes for us by his once-and-for-all _____ (more of that theme will be explored in coming chapters), but he also intercedes for us _____ before the Father!

John Owen:

The safest conception . . . that we can have of the intercession of Christ . . . is his continual appearance for us in the presence of God by virtue of his office as the “high priest over the house of God,” representing the efficacy of his oblation [outpouring of blood], accompanied with tender care, love, and desires for the welfare, supply, deliverance and salvation of the church.

Fitting ...

_____ that we _____, Jesus has and is. Jesus “fits” us. We are sinners. He is holy.

We are guilty. He is innocent. We are stained. He is unstained. We are sinners in the company of sinners. He is sinless and unlike us. We are lowly and He is exalted.

Jesus – and Jesus alone – makes it possible for us to reach and fulfill every _____ God has for us.

Jesus – and Jesus alone – enables us to enter into deep and lasting _____ with and _____ of God.

But there’s more: Jesus “_____” God.

Remember that Hebrews 1:3 told us of Jesus:

“He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high ...”

Jesus is all that he is (“holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens”), not just because he fits all of our needs. He is all that he is because he is altogether God.

And finally, Jesus – and Jesus alone – “_____” us for _____.

He has no sins of his own to atone for, so his role as High Priest is different from all who foreshadowed him. He offered up _____.

And that sacrifice was and is altogether _____ to the Father for our sake!

My response to Jesus today:

*Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
August 22, 2021*

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, August 26 | 2:00-6:00 pm | Parlor

Be the lifeline patients need by giving blood. To make an appointment to donate visit redcrossblood.org, enter 36303 under “Find a Blood Drive,” and then choose “Dothan Community-Calvary Baptist Church” for appointment times.

Fall Discipleship Kick-off

Sunday, September 12 | 6:00 pm

Men will meet in the Fellowship Center, and women in the Sanctuary. We will come together at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Center for a brief time of fellowship.

For men, this night will celebrate and re-emphasize discipleship at Calvary, particularly regarding D-Groups.

For women, this night is the first of three consecutive Foundation gatherings (9/12, 9/19, and 9/26) that aim to strengthen women’s faith through worship, testimony, teaching, and prayer.

These gatherings will also facilitate the launching of D-Groups for women.

Foundations: The Truth on Which We Stand

September 12, 19 & 26 | 6:00 pm | Sanctuary

Calvary women are invited to gather together to strengthen their faith through worship, testimony, teaching, and prayer.

September 12 - *Adorned by the Gospel*

September 19 - *Adopted by the Father*

September 26 - *Active for the Kingdom*

Childcare provided by reservation. Contact joyce@calvarydothan.com or call the church office.

Mentoring Matters

We are looking for individuals who desire to invest in students long-term through mentoring. Primarily, but not exclusively, these students are in the 3rd or 4th grade and attend Girard Intermediate. If you have an interest in learning more about this opportunity, contact Tommy Perry at tommy@calvarydothan.com or call the church office.

Clear Backpack Drive

Our goal this year was to have 200 clear backpacks to bless students at Dothan Preparatory Academy and Carver 9th Grade Academy. We currently have 170 and need 30 more. Backpacks can be purchased [here](#) and can be shipped directly to the church.

Sunday Morning Call to Prayer

Every Sunday at 8:00-8:15 am in the Sanctuary, there is a time of prayer led by our pastors and elders. Everyone is invited to join in for part or all of the prayer time. Children are welcome to attend with their parents.

It seems to me that the majority of gospel presentations I’ve heard throughout my life and even the majority of the descriptions of Jesus and his saving work tend to center on man (or me). It’s *my* needs that are focused on, my lack of fulfillment, happiness, purpose, or quality of life. And even when those messages aren’t as superficial as “you need Jesus because your life isn’t all you want it to be” kind of messages, they still only deal with me ... my separation from God, my sinful struggles and hang-ups, and even my eternal state. While those things are certainly true about me – or anyone who is still in their sin and lost in a state of unforgiveness (we are separated from God, we are in bondage to our sins, we are eternally separated from God and judgment bound apart from Christ), there’s more to the story! Hebrews 7:26 tells us,

“For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.”

One way of reading that is to know that Jesus “fits” us and is exactly who and what we need. We are sinners. He is holy. We are guilty. He is innocent. We are stained. He is unstained. We are sinners in the company of sinners. He is sinless and unlike us. We are lowly and He is exalted. You get the idea. And, if we read the text that way, we would not be wrong. We desperately need everything that Jesus is, for He is our substitute in every way (Hebrews 2:8-10) and without his sinless holiness, we would not reach God (Hebrews 12:14).

But we would not be reading the text for all the God-glorifying worth that it holds for us. You see, Hebrews 7:23-28 says in three different places that Jesus is “forever”. That means that before we were, Jesus was. He pre-exists not only us, but our sin. Ephesians 1:3-4 tells us,

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him *before the foundation of the world ...*”

That tells us that God did not simply react to our sin and offer a contingency response to it. He knew our choice to sin would be made, and made again and again. He planned our salvation out of mercy and grace anyway! And when Hebrews 7:26 tells us that “it is fitting” that Jesus is as he is, it also means that he is *befitting* who God is! Remember that Hebrews 1:3 told us of Jesus:

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Jesus is all that he is (“holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens”), not just because he fits all of our needs. He is all that he is because he is altogether God! He shows us the awesome glory of our exalted God!

And here’s the beauty of the Gospel: He is all that and *he still loves sinners like you and me*. And he never ever stops interceding for us. And he won’t ever stop until we all have “...the full assurance of hope *until the end...*” (Hebrews 6:12).

So today, when you hear about and think about Jesus, look beyond yourself and get a glimpse of the greatness and goodness of God he is revealing to you. And if you never have before, run to him! And if you already have run to him, cling ever more tightly to him!

He is our forever!

- 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/.

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...

August 15
Life Groups: 439
10:00 Worship: 489
Hispanic Church: 88

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund
Given August 15: \$34,879
Jan.-July Budget
Surplus (Deficit): (\$67,506.46)

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, August 22:
Jos 16-17, Ps 148, Jer 8, Mt 22
Monday, August 23:
Jos 18-19, Ps 149-150, Jer 9, Mt 23
Tuesday, August 24:
Jos 20-21, Acts 1, Jer 10, Mt 24
Wednesday, August 25:
Jos 22, Acts 2, Jer 11, Mt 25
Thursday, August 26:
Jos 23, Acts 3, Jer 12, Mt 26
Friday, August 27:
Jos 24, Acts 4, Jer 13, Mt 27
Saturday, August 28:
Jdg 1, Acts 5, Jer 14, Mt 28

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

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 22:
Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765
Saturday, August 28:
Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791
Sunday, August 29:
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SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 25 | 6:00 pm
Genesis: Where Grace Begins
Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, August 29 | 10:00 am
Jesus: God's Final Word
The Shadow of Something Better
Hebrews 8:1-13
Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, September 1 | 6:00 pm
Genesis: Where Grace Begins
Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, September 5 | 10:00 am
Jesus: God's Final Word
The Mercy Seat of God
Hebrews 9:1-10
Message by Paul Thompson

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.

*Whoever has the Son has life;
whoever does not have the Son
of God does not have life.*

Hebrews 7:26



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Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH

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