

# Jesus: God’s Final Word

## The Mercy Seat of God

### Introduction: The Tabernacle

### Hebrews 9:1-14

#### A few lessons:

God designs and determines His own \_\_\_\_\_.

Worship is \_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture.

Our worship of God is centered around His \_\_\_\_\_.

This has several clear implications ...

Worship in the Old Testament was preparing them for worship \_\_\_\_\_ and ultimately, worship in \_\_\_\_\_.

Consider the symbolic foreshadowing ...

Consider the High Priest ...

### “But when Christ appeared ...”

Now consider \_\_\_\_\_:

He entered \_\_\_\_\_

He gave \_\_\_\_\_

He \_\_\_\_\_ redemption

He enables us to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the living God!

And it’s all because of His \_\_\_\_\_!

What is “mercy”?

### My response to the mercy of God:

### Gospel Conversations Workshop Recording

#### Did you miss the Gospel Conversations Workshop on August 14th?

If so, don’t fret. The content from the workshop is now available online at <https://www.calvarydothan.com/gospel-conversations/>. Check it out, and you’ll be challenged, equipped, and encouraged to press on as an everyday missionary!

### Calvary Kids Missions Offering

During the months of September and October, we’re giving kids the opportunity to give financially to a missions offering through the “North American Mission Board.” We are specifically raising money to “Buy a Farm” to give agricultural help where it’s needed most to strengthen an international community.

#### Our Goal: \$600

Children can give to this offering on Sundays and Wednesdays. We will update you as the weeks go by. We hope you and your children will participate as we seek to make missions a priority.

### 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](mailto:joyce@calvarydothan.com) or call the church office.

### Dinner with the Pastor

Tuesday, September 21 | 6:15 pm | Parlor

### Membership Matters

Wednesday, September 29 | 5:45 pm | Parlor

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

### Senior Adult Mid Month Service & Lunch

Thursday, September 16 | 11:00 am | Sanctuary

Immediately following worship, box lunches will be available for pick-up in the Fellowship Center Foyer. Sign up for the lunch through your Life Group.

### What Is the Mercy Seat?

By Stephen Nichols

One of the most important paragraphs in the Bible may very well be Romans 3:21-26.

*21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

This densely packed paragraph offers a thorough and glorious discussion of justification by faith. Not surprisingly, this paragraph plays a crucial role in the history of doctrine. Martin Luther camped out here. And not surprisingly, the roots of this paragraph extend throughout the Bible itself. Two key places deserve notice. The first takes us back to Exodus, while the second comes near the end of John’s Gospel.

First, consider Exodus 25:22. The context here concerns the description of the tabernacle and specifically the key piece of furniture in the tabernacle, the ark of the covenant. On top of the ark is the mercy seat, flanked on either end by two cherubim (Ex. 25:19). At this very place, at the mercy seat, God meets His people. Exodus 25:22 declares, “There I will meet with you.”

The connection to Romans 3 concerns the Greek word used for the Hebrew word for mercy seat. The Greek translation of the Old Testament, known as the Septuagint, uses the word *hilasterion* to translate the Hebrew word. (The Hebrew word is *kappure*, related to the word for atonement, which is *kippur*.) This Greek word, *hilasterion*, usually gets translated as “propitiation” in the New Testament. “Propitiation” only occurs a handful of times in the New Testament. One of those times comes in Romans 3:25. Referring to Christ and His work of redemption, Paul states that God put forward Christ “as a propitiation.” Christ is the acceptable, wrath-satisfying sacrifice on our behalf.

And then there is John 20:12. Mary Magdalene had come to the tomb of Christ only to find it empty. As she stooped down to look in, “She saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.” Back in Exodus 25, two carved angels took their places at either end of the mercy seat.

Now all we need to do is connect the dots. God desires to meet with His people, and the blood of the spotless lamb is the only means by which that meeting is made possible. The mercy seat of the Old Testament, and the blood sprinkled upon it by the high priest, prefigured Christ to come. Christ did come, and Christ did make the sacrifice, and Christ was raised from the dead. Make no mistake about it, these are historical realities. The tabernacle was real. The ark of the covenant was real. The mercy seat was real. The cross was real. The empty tomb was real. And a real woman stooped to look at real angels.

Christ is our mercy seat. There, in and through Christ, God meets us. The dots are connected.

### 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:

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- Guest
- Member

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- Female

- Married
- Single

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Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

### Children:

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

### 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...

August 29  
Life Groups: 490  
10:00 Worship: 505  
Hispanic Church: 116

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund  
Given August 29: \$44,801  
Jan.-July Budget  
Surplus (Deficit): (\$67,506.46)

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

**Sunday, September 5:**  
Jdg 9, Acts 13, Jer 22, Mk 8  
**Monday, September 6:**  
Jdg 10:1-11:11, Acts 14, Jer 23, Mk 9  
**Tuesday, September 7:**  
Jdg 11:12-40, Acts 15, Jer 24, Mk 10  
**Wednesday, September 8:**  
Jdg 12, Acts 16, Jer 25, Mk 11  
**Thursday, September 9:**  
Jdg 13, Acts 17, Jer 26, Mk 12  
**Friday, September 10:**  
Jdg 14, Acts 18, Jer 27, Mk 13  
**Saturday, September 11:**  
Jdg 15, Acts 19, Jer 28, Mk 14

### Midweek Schedule

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, September 5:**  
Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986  
**Saturday, September 11:**  
Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191  
**Sunday, September 12:**  
Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

### SERMON SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, September 8 | 6:00 pm**  
*Genesis: Where Grace Begins*  
*Genesis 19, Part 2: The Mercies of God and the Resistance of Man*  
Message by Paul Thompson

**Sunday, September 12 | 10:00 am**  
*Jesus: God's Final Word*  
*Rich Beyond Measure*  
Hebrews 9:11-22  
Message by Paul Thompson

**Wednesday, September 15 | 6:00 pm**  
*Genesis: Where Grace Begins*  
*Genesis 19, Part 3: Finishing Unwell*  
Message by Paul Thompson

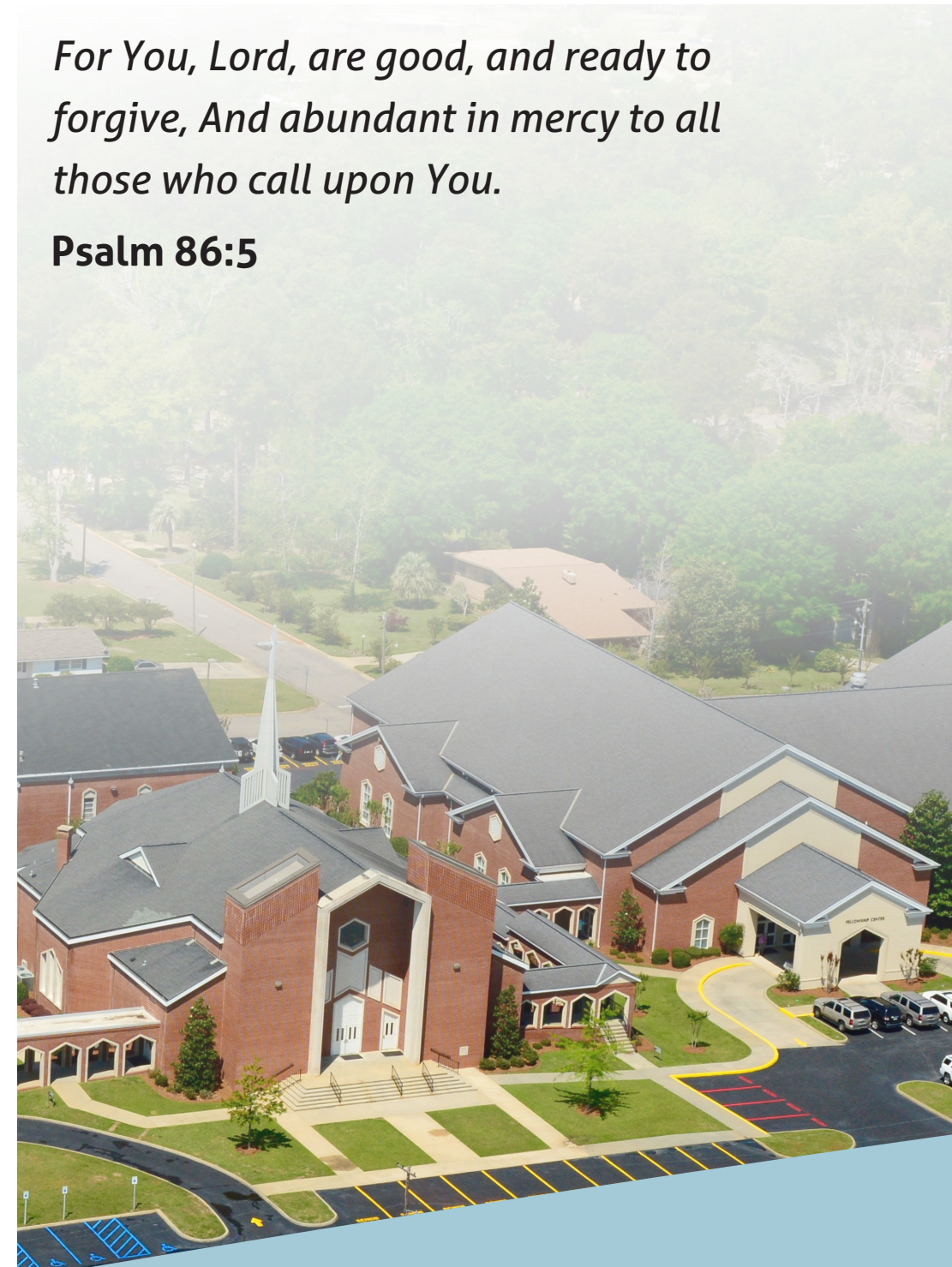
**Sunday, September 19 | 10:00 am**  
*Jesus: God's Final Word*  
*He Puts Away Our Sin*  
Hebrews 9:23-28  
Message by Paul Thompson

### 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.

*For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.*

## Psalm 86:5



WELCOME TO  
**Calvary**  
BAPTIST CHURCH