

# Jesus: God’s Final Word

## Faith Is...

### Hebrews 11:1-12

#### Bridge: The Necessity of Faith

We are commanded in Hebrews 10:22 to “\_\_\_\_\_” to God.

Christ Jesus has done all that is required for us to be able to do this as our \_\_\_\_\_ and perfect \_\_\_\_\_.

But we will never draw near to God without \_\_\_\_\_. That is our \_\_\_\_\_ to all that God has done for us in Christ. (Heb. 11:6)

\_\_\_\_\_ we do without it is acceptable to God. (Rom. 14:23)

And this faith must be \_\_\_\_\_, or else it is \_\_\_\_\_. (Heb. 10:39)

#### Getting “faith” right ... what is it?

Faith *isn’t* ...

*Faith is ...*

“... a belief-and-behavior commitment to Jesus Christ, the divine-human Lord, who came to earth, died for sins, rose from death, returned to heaven, reigns now over the cosmos as his Father’s nominated vice-regent, and will reappear to judge everyone and to take his own people into glory, where they will be with him in unimaginable joy forever.” (J.I. Packer, *Taking God Seriously*)

“Faith is assured that what is hoped for will become a reality. It is convinced that the unseen promises of God will be fulfilled.” (Thomas Schreiner, *Hebrews, Evangelical Biblical Theological Commentary*)

“Faith communicates the essence of hope.” (R.C. Sproul, *What is Faith?*)

#### We Are Not the First to Take This Journey – Five Faith Case Studies:

Abel → Faith is \_\_\_\_\_.

Enoch → Faith is \_\_\_\_\_.

Noah → Faith is \_\_\_\_\_.

Abraham (1) → Faith is \_\_\_\_\_.

Sarah → Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ and staking my whole life on that great truth.

Abraham (2) → Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ and its power to change *everything*.

#### Finally,

Faith in God \_\_\_\_ ...

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#### Parent-Child Commitment Service

Sunday, November 7 | 10:00 am Worship

If you would like to be a part of this special commitment time with your child, email joyce@calvarydothan.com.

There is a Parent-Child Commitment Information Meeting on Wednesday, October 27, at 6:00 pm in the Office Building Conference Room.

#### Calvary Kids Mission Offering

Kids have the opportunity to give 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 is \$600.** Children can give to this offering on Sundays and Wednesdays through October.

#### Student DNow Weekend

Monsters in My Closet | November 12-14

1st Student: \$100 | 2nd Student: \$85 | 3rd Student: \$75

Deadline to Register: October 31

If you would like to be a host home or help serve the weekend of DNow, contact brooke@calvarydothan.com.

#### CROSS CON21 | Conference for 18-25 year olds

Wednesday, December 29-Saturday, January 1 | Louisville, Kentucky

Cost: \$125.00 (includes ticket and lodging)

Deadline to sign up: Monday, October 25

To register, email brooke@calvarydothan.com.

#### Senior Adult Mid-Month Worship & Lunch

Thursday, October 21 | 11:00 am | Sanctuary

Paul Thompson will be preaching the worship service this month. Lunch will be served as a sit down meal in the Fellowship Center immediately following worship. To go lunches will not be served.

#### Experience the Holy Land

11-Day Biblical Tour of Israel with Optional Egypt Extention

Trip Dates: May 26-June 5, 2022

Pastor Paul is hosting a trip to Israel in 2021 and it’s not too late to register. There are still spots available. Total cost is \$4,497 per person. If you are interested in the trip, contact Carol in the church office or email carol@calvarydothan.com.

#### English as Second Language

Begins October 20 | 6:00 pm | Room 003 below the Sanctuary

Calvary’s ESL class will meet 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.

#### What Is Faith?

Remember that faith is not a noble quality found only in superior men. It is not a virtue attainable by a limited few. It is not the ability to persuade ourselves that black is white or that something we desire will come to pass if we only wish hard enough. Faith is simply the bringing of our minds into accord with the truth. It is adjusting our expectations to the promises of God in complete assurance that the God of the whole earth cannot lie. A man looks at a mountain and affirms, “That is a mountain.” There is no particular virtue in the affirmation. It is simply accepting the fact that stands before him and bringing his belief into accord with the fact. The man does not create the mountain by believing, nor could he annihilate it by denying. And so with the truth of God. The believing man accepts a promise of God as a fact as solid as a mountain and vastly more enduring. His faith changes nothing except his own personal relation to the word of promise. God’s Word is true whether we believe it or not. Human unbelief cannot alter the character of God. Faith is subjective, but it is sound only when it corresponds with objective reality. The man’s faith in the mountain is valid only because the mountain is there; otherwise it would be mere imagination and would need to be sharply corrected to rescue the man from harmful delusion. So God is what He is in Himself. He does not become what we believe. “I AM That I AM.” We are on safe ground only when we know what kind of God He is and adjust our entire being to the holy concept.

-The Alliance Tozer Devotional

#### Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox Collection Sunday: November 14

Pack a shoebox and send good news and great joy around the world. Shoeboxes are now available in the Fellowship Center Foyer and church office.

#### SABA Fall Food Drive

Kickoff fall with a food drive for YOUR Ministry Center. This food drive for non-perishable foods will run through the entire month of October. Drop boxes will be placed at the ROC, Fellowship Center Foyer, Children and Preschool areas, and the Young Married Life Group area. Thank you in advance for your generosity in serving our community.

#### 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

October 17, 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
- Guest
- Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

- Male
- Female

- Married
- Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

### Children:

Name / Date of Birth

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

October 17, 2021



### 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...

#### October 10

Life Groups: 465  
10:00 Worship: 482  
6:00 Worship: 60  
Hispanic Church: 115  
Grace City Church (NY): 30

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

#### General Fund

Given October 10: \$51,759  
Jan.-Sept. Budget  
Surplus (Deficit): (\$308.13)

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

#### Sunday, October 24:

1 Sam 31, 1 Cor 11, Ezk 9, Ps 48

#### Monday, October 25:

2 Sam 1, 1 Cor 12, Ezk 10, Ps 49

#### Tuesday, October 26:

2 Sam 2, 1 Cor 13, Ezk 11, Ps 50

#### Wednesday, October 27:

2 Sam 3, 1 Cor 14, Ezk 12, Ps 51

#### Thursday, October 28:

2 Sam 4-5, 1 Cor 15, Ezk 13, Ps 52-54

#### Friday, October 29:

2 Sam 6, 1 Cor 16, Ezk 14, Ps 55

#### Saturday, October 30:

2 Sam 7, 2 Cor 1, Ezk 15, Ps 56-57

### 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

7:00 pm Adult Choir

### 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  
Tommy Perry.....Community

### STAFF ON CALL

#### Sunday, October 17:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

#### Saturday, October 23:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

#### Sunday, October 24:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

### SERMON SCHEDULE

#### Wednesday, October 20 | 6:00 pm

Genesis: Where Grace Begins

The Providence of God in the Lives of the Faithful

Genesis 24

Message by Paul Thompson

#### Sunday, October 24 | 10:00 am

Jesus: God's Final Word

Faith in Exile

Hebrews 11:13-31

Message by Paul Thompson

#### Wednesday, October 27 | 6:00 pm

Genesis: Where Grace Begins

The Three Patriarchs

Genesis 25

Message by Paul Thompson

#### Sunday, October 31 | 10:00 am

Jesus: God's Final Word

Faith Forward

Hebrews 11:32-40

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.

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

### Hebrews 11:1



WELCOME TO  
**Calvary**  
BAPTIST CHURCH