The Gospel of the King
Not Far From the Kingdom

Mark 12:28-34

The **shema** and the **eternal requirement of God**: (v. 29-30)

'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

The command to love God is _____.

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It is _____ than law-keeping, but not _____ than.

This command defines the _____ by which we keep all the other commands.

Love does not _____ all the other commands, but is the _____ of them.

See: Matthew 22:38, John 14:15, 1 John 3:18

The practical effect of God-first love: (v. 31)

'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

Loving like this requires _____ for me.

God's love for me _____ the sort of love He expects from me.

God's love for me _____ the sort of love He expects from me.

Loving like this frees me from _____.

Loving like this reveals how I love _____.

The greatest and hardest commandments ...

Have I ever – at any moment of my existence – loved God with ____ my heart? ____ my mind? ____ my strength?

Do I ever truly love my neighbor like _____?

_____ is sufficient for these things?

[10] In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. [11] Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. [12] No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. (1 John 4:10-12)

Conclusion: a _____ and a _____ ... (v. 34)

And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

The compliment:

The warning:

"No one dared asked any more questions." (v. 34b)

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
November 29, 2020

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions
Calvary's Goal: $140,000
In 2019 there were 3,623 IMB missionaries worldwide. 100% of your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provides missionaries the services they need to live among the unreached peoples they serve.

Neighborhood Christmas Outreach
Saturday, December 12 | 10:00 am
Please help us invite our nearby neighbors to our outdoor Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. We will gather at the church at 10:00 am and go out for an hour.

Breakfast in Bethlehem - A Preschool Family Event
Saturday, December 5 | 9:30-11:30 am | Fellowship Center
For Ages 3 years (by 9/1/20) - Kindergarten
Register on calvarydothan.com or with the MobileMission App.

Calvary Kids
There are a few spots open on the Calvary Kids team. If you're interested in positively shaping the faith, Christian worldview, and lives of young boys and girls, reach out and let's talk. Call us at 334-792-5159 or email kids@calvarydothan.com.
Life Group (Sundays at 8:30 am) - 2 leaders or 1 couple for 2nd Grade **(Priority)**
Kids Worship (Sundays at 10:00 am) -
Game-Time Leaders for Grades 1-5
Worship Music Leaders for Grades 1-5
Crowd Leaders for Grades 1-5

CROSS Conference | December 29-30 | Fellowship Center
A livestream watch party for 18-25 year olds
Speakers: John Piper, David Platt, Tripp Lee, David DeYoung, Wayne Chen
Tuesday, December 29 begins at 4:30 pm and Wednesday, December 30 begins at 12:00 noon. No cost for Calvary members. $40 each for non-members. Register for the conference at Calvarydothan.com.

A Night for Life Group Christmas Socials
Sunday, December 6 | 5-8 pm
We will not have our traditional Calvary Christmas service this year, so we encourage you to utilize this night for your Life Group Christmas social. Free childcare and food will be provided at the church for preschool-5th grade. Preschool children will be in the preschool building and must be registered in advance. 1st-5th grade children will be at the ROC for food, fun, and games!

Families Count Ministry
Families Count is a 6-week parent education class for parents at risk of losing their children to foster care, or seeking to regain custody of their children. Not only will we have the opportunity to teach them biblical and healthy parenting, but also share the hope of the gospel and provide mentors to walk alongside them through this journey. Families Count classes will start in the spring of 2021. If you would consider being a mentor, contact Matthew Dorsey at matthew@calvarydothan.com. A mandatory mentor training will take place in January.

What's Your Salvation Story?
Over the next several months, we will be sharing short testimonies from our members on all our social media platforms. We'd love to hear how God saved you! Here's what we'd like you to do: video a short (about 5 minutes) story about how God changed your life and made you new. Email it to justin@calvarydothan.com. Then, we'll share it on our website and on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. so that others may hear of the goodness of God!

It's probably late in the day on the Tuesday of Passion week. Today, Jesus has been engaged in nearly nonstop challenge and debate in the temple. First, it was the Pharisees challenging his authority and his right to speak and do as he has. Then, the Sadducees engaged him in debate, hoping to trip him up on the scriptures and demonstrate that his teachings were false. Now, a scribe approaches Jesus. Unlike the groups before him, this solitary man was sincere and was genuinely impressed by Jesus. He hoped to hear from this great rabbi what was the one commandment that superseded all the other commands. Knowing that the scribes had identified 613 separate commandments, 365 of which were negative and 248 of which were positive, and having divided them further into "heavy" and "light," i.e., more important and less important, this honest inquirer wanted to know *what matters most.*

Jesus' response is probably among the most well-known of all the words he ever spoke. In his answer, he affirms the very creed of Israel – the loving worship of the one true God. Everything that we are is to be devoted to him – heart, soul, mind, and strength. But Jesus doesn't stop there. He connects the necessary love of people to our love of God, saying "love your neighbor as yourself". In one rather brief reply, Jesus has summarized the 10 Commandments, emphasized the primacy of love, and raised the expectations of love beyond anything heard before.

The scribe, having rightly recognized the heart of what God demands, was told by Jesus that he was "not far from the kingdom of God." As Kent Hughes points out in his commentary on Mark, these words were both a *compliment* and a *warning*. It's good to understand – to think rightly/spiritually about Jesus, but there's more. What will you *do* with what you know?

Don't just be close to the kingdom of God! Jump all the way in! We'll talk about how in today's message, "Not Far From the Kingdom".

We are glad you here! And we pray that you will experience the presence of the living God with us today!

Holiday Schedule

Calvary Christmas
A Night for Life Group Christmas Socials
Sunday, December 6 | 5-8 pm
An evening for Life Groups to gather for their Christmas parties
Childcare provided at church for Babies -5th Grade

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
Thursday, December 24 | 5-6 pm
Church Parking Lot
Join us outside in front of the Sanctuary for carols, cookies, and coffee

No Midweek Activities
December 23 and December 30

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

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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

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Connect Card

November 29, 2020

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate.

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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.

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.

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...
November 22
Life Group: 291
10:00 Worship: 397
Hispanic Church: 119

THE PEOPLE GAVE...
General Fund
Given November 22: $27,299
Given Y-T-D: $2,220,468
Y-T-D Required: $ 2,418,692.38
Lottie Moon Offering: $18,585
Adoption Assistance Fund: $8,121

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING
Sunday, November 29:
1 Kgs 22, 1 Thes 5, Dan 4, Ps 108-109
Monday, November 30:
2 Kgs 1, 2 Thes 1, Dan 5, Ps 110-111
Tuesday, December 1:
2 Kgs 2, 2 Thes 2, Dan 6, Ps 112-113
Wednesday, December 2:
2 Kgs 3, 2 Thes 3, Dan 7, Ps 114-115
Thursday, December 3:
2 Kgs 4, 1 Tim 1, Dan 8, Ps 116
Friday, December 4:
2 Kgs 5, 1 Tim 2, Dan 9, Ps 117-118
Saturday, December 5:
2 Kgs 6, 1 Tim 3, Dan 10, Ps 119:1-24

Midweek Schedule

6:00 pm	Midweek Worship, Fellowship Center
	Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building (**Preregister at calvarydothan.com)**
	Children, Grades 1-5, ROC
	Students, Grades 6-12, Sanctuary
	No Adult Choir

STAFF ON CALL
Sunday, November 29:
Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765
Saturday, December 5:
Matthew Dorsey | 919-495-9483
Sunday, December 6:
Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

SERMON SCHEDULE
Wednesday, December 2 | 6:00 pm
right where He wants us
Actively Obedient
Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, December 6 | 10:00 am
The Gospel of the King
Jesus and the Coming Throne
Mark 12:35-37
Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, December 9 | 6:00 pm
right where He wants us
Brightly Shining
Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, December 13 | 10:00 am
The Gospel of the King
The Tragic Lesson of The Widow's Mite
Mark 12:38-44
Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday Morning Schedule

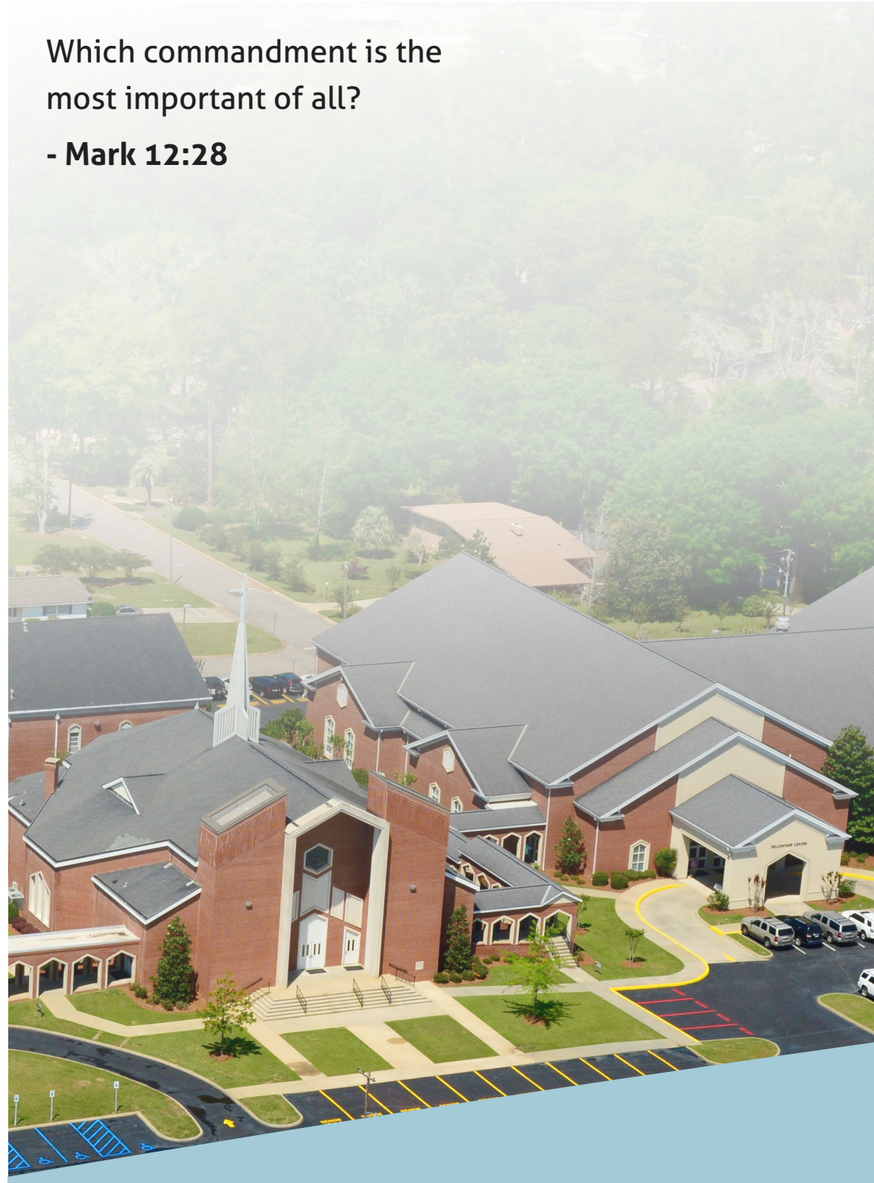
8:00am	Call to Prayer, Sanctuary
8:30am	Life Group
10:00am	Worship, Fellowship Center
	Live Stream on Facebook & YouTube
	Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel
11:00am	Worship Broadcast on JoyFM 94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

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 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

UPDATED GUEST INFORMATION
In this interim period as we are trying to respond as responsibly as we can to the threat of Covid-19 around us, we are intentionally limiting up-close, face-to-face encounters where possible. Therefore, we are not passing offering plates for the time being. But if you are a guest, we still want to hear from you and meet you! So please complete the attached Connect Card and place in the offering collection boxes at the exits. Also, if you have prayer needs or personal needs, please share those with us as well. You may also email us at info@CalvaryDothan.com or call or text anytime to (334) 708-0513. We'd love to hear from you, pray with you or for you, or talk with you about any spiritual questions you have or decisions you have made.

Which commandment is the most important of all?

- Mark 12:28



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