Jesus: God's Final Word
Jesus is Better

Hebrews 1:5-14

From the text ...

The author of Hebrews references _____ Old Testament passages to make this one point: Jesus Christ is _____ to the angels. (v. 4)

1) Psalm 2:7 – Jesus is the Messianic _____, made so by the Father.
2) 2 Samuel 7:14 – Jesus is the Son who builds the final _____ for His Father (See: Heb 3:3)
3) Deuteronomy 32:43 – Jesus is _____ by the angels.
4) Psalm 104:4 – The angels serve the _____ of Jesus.
5) Psalm 45:6ff – Unlike the angels, Jesus is not _____, but _____.
6) Psalm 102:25-27 – Jesus, one with Yahweh the _____, stands above all that is _____.
7) Psalm 110 – Jesus is superior to _____ because He _____ _____ reigning forever.

So, why this comparison to angels?

What's the message?

_____ are awesome!

But _____ is better!

In fact, He's better than _____ else.

A lesson to apply in every area of your life, for the rest of your life:

Use the "_____" for everything!

To anything in your life that rivals Christ ...

"... there is not one of these transformations which the heart is left without an object. Its desire for one particular object may be conquered; but as to its desire for having some one object or other, this is unconquerable ...

Such is the grasping tendency of the human heart, that it must have a something to lay hold of – and which, if wrested away without the substitution of another something in its place, would leave a void and a vacancy as painful to the mind, as hunger is to the natural system.

The heart must have something to cling to ..."

Thomas Chalmers, *"The Expulsive Power of a New Affection"*

Your heart will _____ desire _____.

Your question will always be this: Is the _____ of my desire worth more than _____?

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
May 23, 2021

Baby Bottle Boomerang Benefitting Wiregrass Hope Group
Pick up location: Fellowship Center Foyer

Return Date: Sunday, May 30

Wiregrass Hope Group is one of our Community Ministry Partners. They provide free pregnance resources, free parenting programs, and a free fatherhood program. Their mission is to share the hope of Jesus Christ, promote human life, and care for people through pregnancy resources, biblical counseling, and relationship education. Grab a bottle today and fill it with your loose change as a way to support this ministry.

Dinner with the Pastor
Tuesday, June 1 | 6:15 pm | Parlor

Membership Matters
Sunday, June 13 | 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.

Preschool Summer Wednesday Nights
June 2 - VBS Outreach | 5:30 pm | Fellowship Center

June 9 - Preschool Family Picnic | Grass field next to parking lot across from Sanctuary

VBS Outreach and Life Group Competition
Wednesday, June 2 | 5:30 pm | Fellowship Center

A meal will be provided at 5:30 pm and then all Life Group teams will go out at 6:00 pm to invite our community to *Destination Dig*. This is a great opportunity for Life Groups to go out on mission together! A reward (TBA) will be given to 1) the Life Group with the most members in attendance, and 2) the Life Group with the largest percentage of their members in attendance.

VBS Leader Training
Sunday, June 6 | 4:00-6:00 pm | Kids Worship Room

If you are volunteering with Vacation Bible School, grab your pickaxe and shovel and head to this training for VBS *Destination Dig.*

Second Sunday Night Prayer Service
VBS Prayer Walk | June 13 | 6:00 pm

We will walk the classrooms and church campus praying for the leaders and volunteers working in VBS, for the kids who will be attending and their families.

Vacation Bible School 2021
June 14-18 | 8:30am-12:00 noon

VBS 2021 is headed to present-day Israel where discovery awaits at Destination Dig. As junior archaeologists, kids will explore real-life archaeological finds that have helped to uncover the truth about Jesus! Along the way, they'll discover the truth of Jeremiah 29:13, that God reveals Himself to us when we seek and search for Him with all our hearts.

Online registration is now open. Volunteers are also still needed. To register your child for VBS and/or sign up to volunteer, go to calvarydothan.com/vbs/.

Calvary Family Night at Water World
Sunday, June 20 | 5:15-7:15 pm | Cost $2 per person

Don't miss our annual Calvary Family Night at Water World! Concession stand in the park will be open.

Jesus is Better - Theology of the Song
by Austin Stone Worship

The story of Jesus healing a boy with an unclean spirit is one of the most powerful encounters recorded in Mark's Gospel. Found in chapter 9, the writer tells us about a violent spirit that has tormented a young boy since birth. The account is graphic, and it's difficult not to read the story and feel compassion for the disturbed boy.

However, hidden in the narrative is a curious phrase that has provided encouragement to saints throughout the ages. Tucked away in verse 24, the father cries out "I believe; help my unbelief!" In five words, a first-century father captures the wonderful tension of Christian living.

When we gather for corporate worship, "I believe; help my unbelief!" is the same tension that we find ourselves living. We hear sermons, read Scriptures, and sing songs where our hearts are often cold to the truth we proclaim. Verses like "at your right hand are pleasures forevermore" sound grand, but are they actually true?

We are driven by our loves. For our loves, we'll give and fight. The husband who loves his bride lays his life down for her. The father who loves his child will give whatever he must for their good.

There is no other, so sure and steady...
upon this Rock I will stand.

"Jesus Is Better," then, is a hymn of praise in the midst of lament. The song starts with confession: Because of Christ's work, I am upheld. In a clear allusion to Matthew 7, we confess that we stand on the Rock of Ages. We have been given citizenship to the Kingdom of Christ – the kingdom that will never fail – and now we confess that we submit to His lordship alone.

Your kindly rule has shattered and
broken the curse of sin's tyranny.

Even still, the same Christ who is our sure foundation is also the victorious King who has shattered the regime of all false, tyrannical lords. While these false lords – idolatry, sin, Satan – rule oppressively, the ruler of the Kingdom of light rules by His everlasting kindness. His kindness is so rich that He lays His own life down for His people. His blood has been shed – His head has been crushed – in our place.

These realities are glorious — this King is better than all.

Jesus is better – make my heart believe

And that's what makes these last verses so powerful. When we sing that "Jesus is better," we are both testifying to something that we believe, while confessing just how much we don't.

Make no mistake: Jesus is better than the frailty of riches. Jesus is sovereign over my sorrows. Jesus supplies more comforts in His eternal rest than any vacation home could promise. But my heart is sick, and as long as I am in this corrupted body, there will always be that little morsel of doubt hiding away in the crevice of my heart.

This is why we need songs that operate both as testimony and confession. We need songs that shape the contours of heart, but also attempt the impossible by verbalizing the groans that are in fact "too deep for words."

We need new loves. We need new hearts. There is only one who can change that. Thankfully, by the power of His Spirit, He can make our feeble hearts believe. He did it for the father in Mark 9. He's done it for saints throughout the ages. And as long as He tarries, He will continue to do it until we finally behold that kind face breaking through the clouds.

Jesus, you are better — please make our hearts believe.

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

May 23, 2021

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May 23, 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.

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.

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...
May 16
Life Groups: 431
10:00 Worship: 474
Hispanic Church: 122

THE PEOPLE GAVE...
General Fund
Given May 16: $34,670
Jan.-Apr. Budget
Surplus (Deficit): ($35,203.79)

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING
Sunday, May 23:
Lev 16, Ps 19, Prv 30, 1 Tim 1
Monday, May 24:
Lev 17, Ps 20-21, Prv 31, 1 Tim 2
Tuesday, M-ay 25:
Lev 18, Ps 22, Eccl 1, 1 Tim 3
Wednesday, May 26:
Lev 19, Ps 23-24, Eccl 2, 1 Tim 4
Thursday, May 27:
Lev 20, Ps 25, Eccl 3, 1 Tim 5
Friday, May 28:
Lev 21, Ps 26-27, Eccl 4, 1 Tim 6
Saturday, May 29:
Lev 22, Ps 28-29, Eccl 5, 2 Tim 1

Midweek Schedule

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

STAFF ON CALL
Sunday, May 23:
Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765
Saturday, May 29:
Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191
Sunday, May 30:
Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191

SERMON SCHEDULE
Wednesday, May 26 | 6:00 pm
Genesis - Where Grace Begins
Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, May 30 | 10:00 am
Jesus: God's Final Word
Prone to Wonder
Hebrews 2:1-9
Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, June 2 | 6:00 pm
Genesis - Where Grace Begins
Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, June 6 | 10:00 am
Jesus: God's Final Word
Our High Priest Saves Us
Hebrews 2:10-18
Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday Morning Schedule

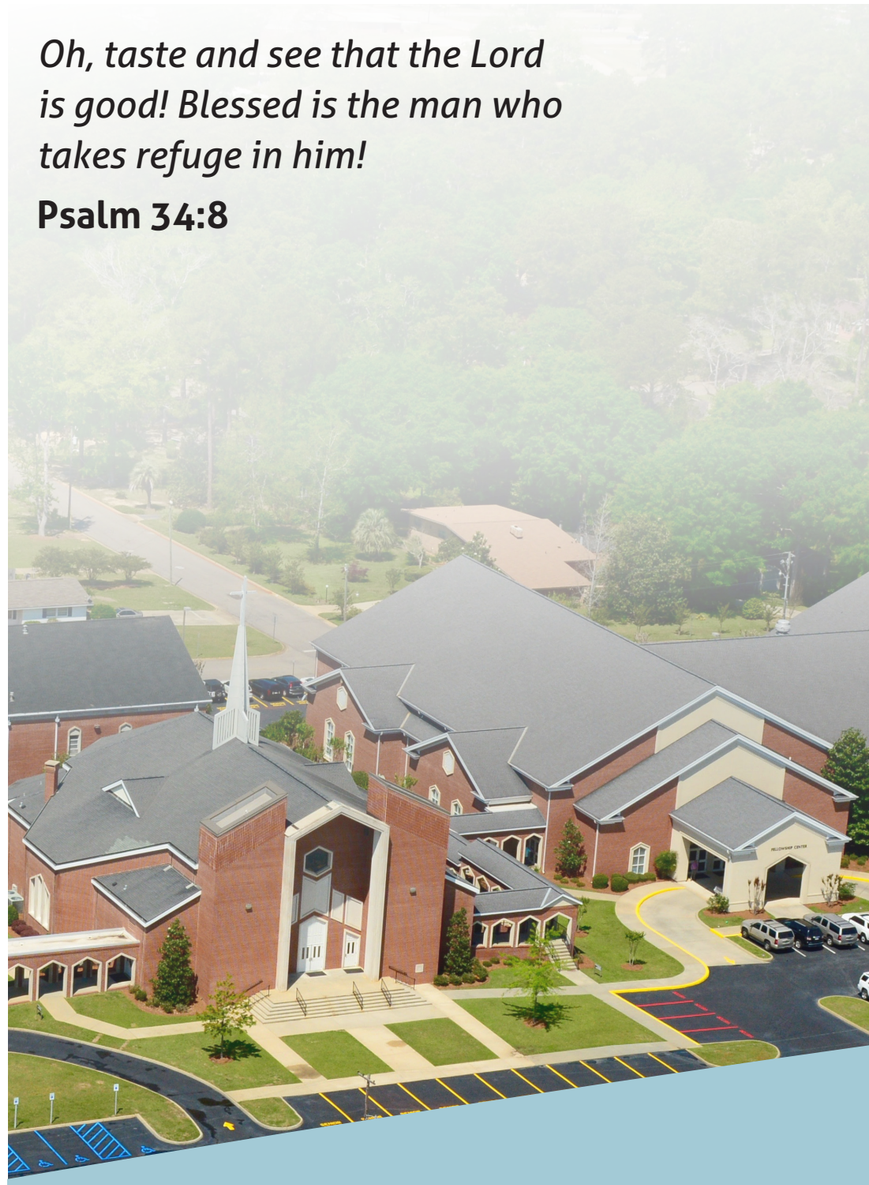
8:00 am Call to Prayer, Sanctuary
8:30 am Life Group
10:00 am Worship, Fellowship Center
Live Stream on Facebook & YouTube
Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel (except 1st Sunday)
11:00 am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM 94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

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.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Psalm 34:8



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