

# From Death to Life

My greatest \_\_\_\_\_ provides the setting for God’s greatest \_\_\_\_\_:

**2** And **you were dead** in the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. **4** **But God**, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ**—by grace you have been saved — <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**Ephesians 2:1-10**

The Resurrection of Jesus is more than essential \_\_\_\_\_. It is the only \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God to \_\_\_\_\_.

**6** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

**Romans 6:1-4**

**4 Irreducible Minimums of the New Life:**

1) I have an accurate view of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*A few things I must be honest about ...*

2) I have a confident belief in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*Most important to know: God is \_\_\_\_\_.*

*His \_\_\_\_\_ flows from that great love.*

*His \_\_\_\_\_ is the powerful \_\_\_\_\_ of His mercy.*

*All of these are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus!*

3) I have a genuine experience of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*Our salvation entails the profoundest \_\_\_\_\_ possible!*

*I am no longer an object of righteous \_\_\_\_\_ but a recipient of immeasurable \_\_\_\_\_!*

*I am not just “\_\_\_\_\_”. I am “\_\_\_\_\_”!*

4) I have increasing evidence of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*Free from ...*

*Free to ...*

**My response to Jesus’ Resurrection:**

“Truly, truly, I say to you, **whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.**”

- **Jesus**, in John 5:24

*Dr. Paul Thompson  
Calvary Baptist Church  
April 17, 2022*

**New Grounded in the Faith Class**

Grounded in the Faith is a course based on Ken Erisman’s book that will address topics that are foundational to the Christian faith. This field-tested guide to growth in the Christian faith covers important topics such as justification, overcoming temptation, sanctification, evidence for the inspiration of the Bible, the value of prayer, the guidance of God, the Trinity, the uniqueness of Christ, and the attributes of God.

It is designed for believers of all levels of maturity. New Christians will begin building a Biblically-based foundation in theology and in practicing their faith. Those who have followed Christ for many years will sharpen their understanding of key Biblical principles that will aid in evangelism and discipleship.

If this is a training you would be interested in committing to for a season, please email grounded@calvarydothan.com and let us know. We will structure the format and times once we assess the interest.

**Dinner with the Pastor**

**Tuesday, April 26 | 6:15pm | Parlor**

**Membership Matters**

**Wednesday, May 4 | 5:45pm | Parlor**

If you are considering membership at Calvary, please join us for Dinner with the Pastor and the Membership Matters class. Contact 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.

**Spaghetti Night Fundraiser for Student Ministry**

**Thursday, April 28 | \$8/plate | Drive-Thru pickup**

Help our students raise money for camp this Summer! Tickets will be on sale starting April 10.

**Cake + Dessert Auction | May 22**

Join us after worship on May 22 in the ROC for an auction to raise funds for Student camp this summer. If you would like to donate a homemade cake or dessert, please call the church office or email brooke@calvarydothan.com.

**Joy Prom**

**Sunday, May 1 | 5-7pm | Fellowship Center**

Joy Prom is a full-scaled prom designed for people ages 13 and older with developmental or physical impairments. Register online at calvarydothan.com.

**Parent-Child Commitment Service**

**Sunday, May 8 | 10am Worship**

Email joyce@calvarydothan.com if you would like to be a part of this special commitment time with your child. There is a parent-child commitment meeting on Wednesday, April 27, at 6pm in the office building conference room.

**Vacation Bible School**

**K5-5th Grade | June 13-17 | 8:30am-12noon**

There are MANY volunteer positions still open. Please consider serving at VBS. For more information or to sign up, visit calvarydothan/event/vbs. Volunteer registration will close in May. Child registration for VBS will open Sunday, April 24.

**Important Student Summer Dates - Grades 6-12**

- April 22 - Open Gym Night
- May 13 - Drive-in Movie Night
- June 17 - Ice Cream & Movie Night
- June 26 - Guys Steak Night
- TBA - Girls Night
- July 2 - Fireworks @ the fairgrounds
- July 10 - Open Gym Night
- July 18-22 - Student Life Camp
- July 24 - Drive-in Movie Night
- July 30 - Canoe Trip

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions**

**Calvary’s Goal: \$40,000**

100% of your gifts to this offering work to help more than 2,200 missionaries across North America bring the gospel to the estimated 275 million living without Christ.

Today we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior and King, Jesus Christ, some 2000 years ago!

And we are so glad you are here to celebrate with us!

Everything important that we believe – our theology – is predicated on the bodily resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Without it, we have no hope:

“<sup>14</sup> ... if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.” (1 Corinthians 15:14-17)

And what we practice – our tradition – is based on this same fundamental claim: Jesus was raised on the first day! That’s why we worship when we do. For us, every Sunday is Resurrection Day – The Lord’s Day – for every time we meet, we proclaim Jesus – crucified, risen, and coming again! (Luke 24:1; 1 Corinthians 15:3-6; Acts 20:7; Revelation 1:10, etc.)

But as we gather to worship today, it is about far more than just ancient history and current habits. What we do goes deeper than just those truths we hold. This is who we are. We are resurrection people!

Consider this amazing statement from the Bible about believers:

“... **you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked ... But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ ...**” (Ephesians 2:1-2a, 4-5)

For anyone who truly believes in *who* Jesus is, what Jesus *said* and *did*, and surrenders their lives to his love and control, experiences new life now – not just heaven someday far away! Without him, we are dead spiritually – dead to the knowledge and joy of God, dead to the good purposes of God in our lives, and dead in our own sin – consumed, controlled, and condemned because of it. But through Jesus, we can come alive!

And when we do, everything about us changes:

“*We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*” (Romans 6:4)

Today I’m asking you to do far more than simply believe in a historical event – an event that has been studied more than any other in history, and which has many compelling proofs. I’m also asking you to do more than simply go through the motions of Christian tradition.

Today I’m inviting you to a new life!

A life that includes the peace of God’s forgiveness, the comfort of God’s love, the security of God’s strength, the wisdom of God’s guidance, the freedom of God’s deliverance, the joy of God’s presence, and the hope of God’s promise.

Don’t just believe the resurrection of Jesus happened!

Believe in the Jesus who was raised and discover resurrection life for yourself!

Pastor Paul Thompson

**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

April 17, 2022

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.

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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/](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...

#### April 10

Life Groups: 546  
10:00 Worship: 655  
Hispanic Church: 124  
Grace City Church (NY): 30

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

#### General Fund

Given April 10: \$65,304  
Y-T-D Budget  
Surplus (Deficit): \$17,036.65  
Annie Armstrong: \$33,791

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

#### Sunday, April 24:

Ex 11:1-12:21, Lk 14, Jb 29, 1 Cor 15

#### Monday, April 25:

Ex 12:22-51, Lk 15, Jb 30, 1 Cor 16

#### Tuesday, April 26:

Ex 13, Lk 16, Jb 31, 2 Cor 1

#### Wednesday, April 27:

Ex 14, Lk 17, Jb 32, 2 Cor 2

#### Thursday, April 28:

Ex 15, Lk 18, Jb 33, 2 Cor 3

#### Friday, April 29:

Ex 16, Lk 19, Jb 34, 2 Cor 4

#### Saturday, April 30:

Ex 17, Lk 20, Jb 35, 2 Cor 5

### Midweek Schedule

5:15pm Midweek Meal, Fellowship Center  
6:00pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary  
Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building  
Children, Grades 1-5, ROC  
Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room  
7:00pm 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, April 17:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

#### Saturday, April 23:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

#### Sunday, April 24:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

### SERMON SCHEDULE

#### Wednesday, April 20 | 6pm

Genesis: The Provision of God

Genesis 45:16-46:7

Message by Paul Thompson

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

Acts: How Can I Know What's from God and What's Not?

Acts 5:17-42

Message by Paul Thompson

#### Wednesday, April 27 | 6pm

Genesis: The Protection of Israel

Genesis 46:29-47:12

Message by Paul Thompson

#### Sunday, May 1 | 10:00am

Acts: Servants of the Gospel

Acts 6:1-7

Message by Paul Thompson

### Sunday Morning Schedule

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...

- 1 Peter 1:3



WELCOME TO  
**Calvary**  
BAPTIST CHURCH