

ACTS

The Grace of God and the Rebellion of Man

Acts 6:8-8:3

Context – Spiritual Warfare Against a Spirit-Filled Man – 6:8-15

Stephen, the first martyr, was said to have the “face of an angel” ...

He _____ Christ and His ...

Grace

Power

Wisdom

He _____ in Christ’s ...

Accusations

Rejections

Death

The Martyr’s Message – 7:1-53

Our story is a story of God’s _____ and _____ repeatedly revealed to us.

He sovereignly chose _____ (and through him, us) to be His people.

He honored and protected his _____ through multiple generations.

He delivered us from captivity in Egypt through _____.

He showed his glory in the giving of the _____ to guide us.

But despite God’s goodness and grace, you have repeatedly _____ against Him and _____ His messengers.

You are like Joseph’s brothers ...

You are like the Hebrew captives who rejected Moses ...

You are like the idolatrous worshippers who enticed Aaron to make a golden calf...

You have settled for an empty, godless _____ that has left you in darkness and sin.

Your necks are “_____” ...

Your hearts are “_____” ...

You _____ resist God ...

And the apex of your rebellion is the _____ and _____ of Jesus.

The Response of the Rebellious – 7:54-8:3

In a word, _____

... which led to Stephen’s _____ and intense _____ and _____ of the Church.

Four Takeaways:

Know that God is _____ but not _____ patient with the rebellious.

Romans 2:4-8

Don’t presume upon God’s _____.

1 Corinthians 10:6-11

Don’t mistake empty religion for _____.

Mark 7:6-9

Whatever it costs now, know that _____.

Matthew 5:10-12; 2 Timothy 2:12; 2 Cor. 4:17-18

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Calvary Baptist Church
May 8, 2022*

Moe’s for Missions

Wednesday, May 11 | 5-6pm | Fellowship Center

Come and enjoy a catered meal by Moe’s Restaurant. The meal is free but we will take donations for missions at the meal. All donations will go to our misison fund to send Calvary members on mission trips.

Grounded in the Faith Class

Begins Tuesday, May 10 | 6pm | The Cafe in Children’s Building

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.

Baby Bottle Boomerang Benefitting Wiregrass Hope Group

Pick up locatoin: Fellowship Center Foyer

Return Date: Sunday, May 29

Wiregrass Hope Group is one of our Community Ministry Partners. They provide free pregnancy 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.

Mission Trip Opportunity

Portland, Oregon | July 9-16, 2022

The mission team will help with VBS and outreach in church replant. Cost is \$1300. Contact Randy Hunt at randy@calvarydothan.com for more information or to sign up.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

Meals on Wheels primarily provides nutritious meals, a quick safety check and much needed human connection to homebound seniors. This support enables them to remain living in their own homes, where they want to be. If you would like to volunteer to help with this program, contact Janine Ganter at 334-718-3475.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, May 10 | 2-6pm | Parlor

Be the lifeline patients need by giving blood. To make an appointment to donate, visit redcrossblood.org, enter the code 36303 and then choose “Dothan Community-Calvary Baptist Church” for appointment times.

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.

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.

Online child registration for VBS is now open at calvarydothan.com.

The earliest iteration of the Church was thriving. After successfully addressing complaining and potential conflict in Acts 6 by establishing a precedence of “deacon” ministry that would later be recognized as an official office of the church, the “number of disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem”. So incredible was the power of God’s sovereign grace that even “a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.” (Acts 6:7). And once again, Satan counters. And he counters hard.

One of those first deacons – seven men full of wisdom and the Holy Spirit – was falsely accused and arrested. Stephen, “full of grace and power”, had been performing miracles and preaching Jesus with “wisdom and the Holy Spirit” (a powerful and necessary combination for transforming lives). The religious elite could not withstand it. When brought before the High Priest, a simple question was put to him: “Are these things so?” The door was opened to the longest sermon in the book of Acts – twice as long as Peter’s at Pentecost. And when he spoke, Stephen was not on the defensive, but quite the opposite. Filled with the Spirit, his every word was an indictment of the people’s history of hard-hearted defiance, unbelief, and rejection of those God had sent to them – including ultimately their rejection and crucifixion of God’s Son and their Messiah. And he spoke it all with grace.

For this message, Stephen would lose his life. As he was finishing his message, God granted him an amazing vision of what was about to be his – God and glory! He saw Jesus ready to welcome him home and home he went.

This event was also the catalyst for an explosion of persecution that would drive many believers out of Jerusalem. At his death, we also are introduced to a character that will have an enormous and enduring worldwide impact for God and the Gospel one day – Saul of Tarsus. Acts 1:8 is happening, as God promised it would.

What are we to make of this portion of Acts?

Consider these questions on a personal level:

Stephen could trace the plan of God’s grace from Abraham to Jesus – from Genesis to the Gospels. Can you?

Stephen was courageous to speak of Jesus publicly even though it invited persecution. Are you?

Stephen confronted the sins of his culture and community with God’s judgment. Will you?

Stephen was willing to serve God, God’s church, and God’s eternal purposes, no matter the cost – including his own death. Are you?

Stephen didn’t live for his own pleasure and comfort, but for God’s glory and Christ’s pleasure. Do you?

I pray today that God’s Word will convict and bring to repentance anyone who rejects Him; challenge and renew anyone who hesitates in following Him; and encourage and strengthen anyone who dares to live and die for Him.

Pastor Paul

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

May 8, 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

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Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

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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/.

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 1
 Life Groups: 505
 10:00 Worship: 622
 Hispanic Church: 113
 Grace City Church (NY): 30

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund
 Given May 1: \$35,143
 Y-T-D Budget
 Surplus (Deficit): \$18,817.48
 Annie Armstrong: \$58,822

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, May 8:
 Ex 32, Jn 11, Prv 8, Eph 1
 Monday, May 9:
 Ex 33, Jn 12, Prv 9, Eph 2
 Tuesday, May 10:
 Ex 34, Jn 13, Prv 10, Eph 3
 Wednesday, May 11:
 Ex 35, Jn 14, Prv 11, Eph 4
 Thursday, May 12:
 Ex 36, Jn 15, Prv 12, Eph 5
 Friday, May 13:
 Ex 37, Jn 16, Prv 13, Eph 6
 Saturday, May 14:
 Ex 38, Jn 17, Prv 14, Phil 1

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.
- 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
 Patrick Lima.....Worship
 Tommy Perry.....Community

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, May 8:
 Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986
 Saturday, May 14:
 Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791
 Sunday, May 15:
 Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 11 | 6pm
 Genesis: The Last Acts of Jacob
 Genesis 47:27-31
 Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, May 15 | 10:00am
 Acts: Salvaton and the Spirit
 Acts 8:4-25
 Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, May 18 | 6pm
 Genesis: The Blessing of *Joseph
 Genesis 48
 Message by Paul Thompson

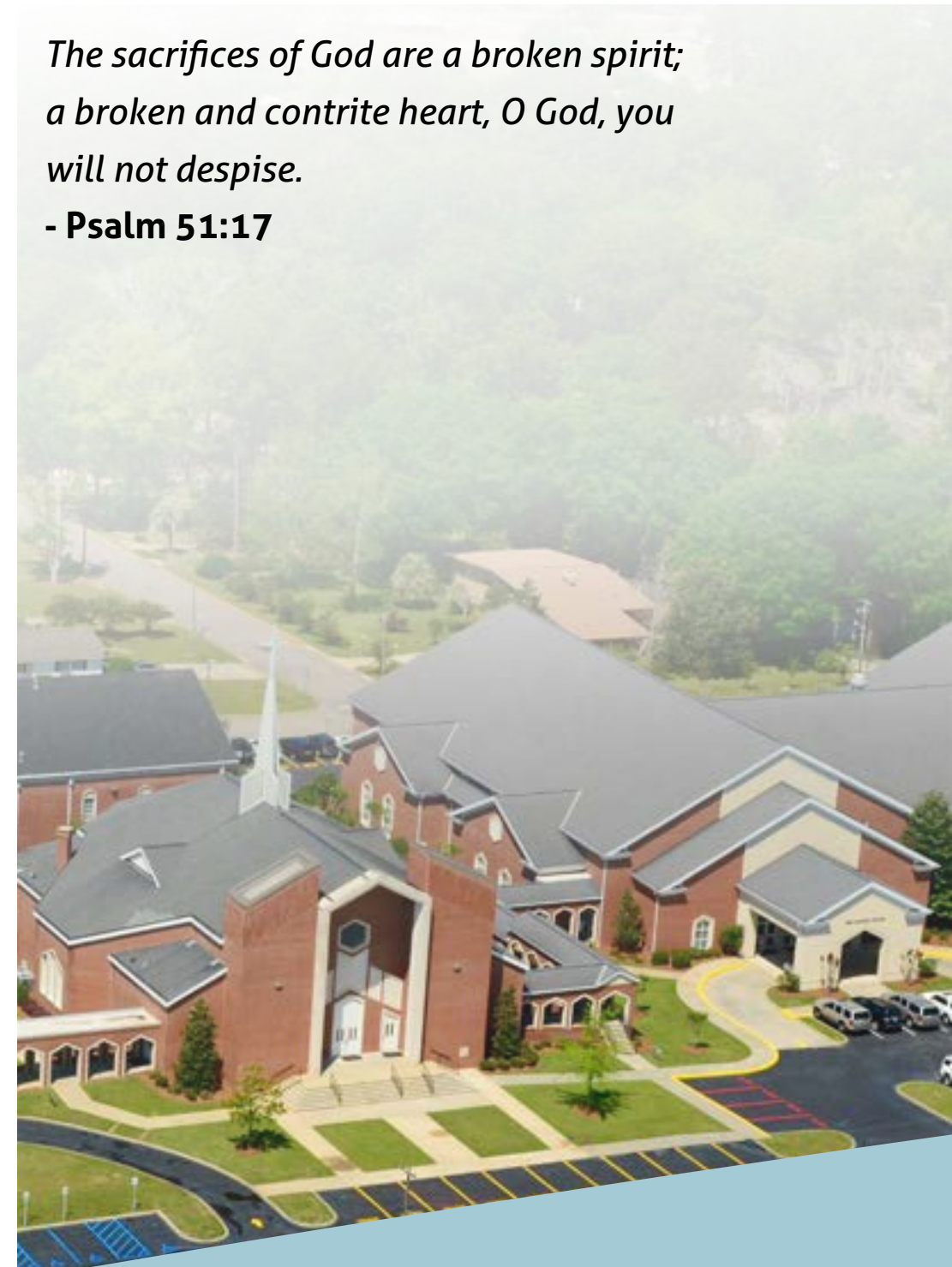
Sunday, May 22 | 10:00am
 Acts: Divine Appointments
 Acts 8:26-40
 Message by Paul Thompson

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.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
 a broken and contrite heart, O God, you
 will not despise.

- Psalm 51:17



WELCOME TO
 Calvary
 BAPTIST CHURCH

Joyce Alexander.....Preschool
 Zach Daniels.....Children
 Reagan Farris.....Students
 Randy Hunt.....Senior Adults