

# Truth in an Age of Denial

Acts 14

The \_\_\_\_\_ will always be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

It will likely incite \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. vv. 1-7

So, how should we respond?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ in the 'fight'.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ only when necessary. (And even then, \_\_\_\_\_ elsewhere!)
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ to 'live by \_\_\_\_\_'.
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ the Apostle Paul's defining conviction:

*I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (Romans 1:16)*

The important point is not the temporal \_\_\_\_\_ to Paul and Barnabas, but the eternal \_\_\_\_\_ for those who believed!

**Only the \_\_\_\_\_ can provide what this culture and its people most desperately need.**

**So, don't \_\_\_\_\_ Him from them!** vv. 8-19

A healing that displayed the \_\_\_\_\_ power of God ...

Zeus, Hermes, and a deceived crowd ...

From "vain things" to a \_\_\_\_\_ God ...

A note on sharing the Gospel: Don't start with \_\_\_\_\_. Don't start with \_\_\_\_\_. Start with \_\_\_\_\_.

**Being \_\_\_\_\_ to King Jesus will be \_\_\_\_\_ to all and \_\_\_\_\_ to some.** vv. 20-21

Paul's sufferings were \_\_\_\_\_ by God (Acts 9:16).

Paul's sufferings were not \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Corinthians 4:8-18)

For the privilege of suffering for Jesus, Paul was \_\_\_\_\_.

See also: 2 Corinthians 11:25; Galatians 6:17; 2 Timothy 3:11

Question: What's my theology of suffering?

Two incredible outcomes: vv. 21-23

- 1) They \_\_\_\_\_ ...
- 2) They \_\_\_\_\_ ...

**Epilogue – A Prevailing Church in a Pagan Culture ...** vv. 24-28

God glorified.

Task accomplished.

Church established.

Lost reached.

Disciples made.

**My takeaways today:**

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

## Local Missions Opportunity

This opportunity involves our neighborhood schools Girard Elementary and Girard Intermediate. The faculty at these schools are always in need of several items for their classrooms. This upcoming school year we want to bless these teachers by collecting the following four items for their classrooms: paper towels, Kleenex tissue, Clorox wipes, and baby wipes. Items can be dropped off at the ROC or the church office. The deadline to donate is Sunday, August 7. If you have questions, email Tommy Perry at tommy@calvarydothan.com or call the church office. Thank you for your consideration in serving our community in this manner.

## Midweek Meal Cook Needed

Calvary is in need of a Midweek Meal cook. If you or someone you know is interested, email Charles Uptain at charles@calvarydothan.com for more information.

## Join our Sunday Production Team

The Calvary production team is looking for more servant-minded individuals to help lead Sunday morning worship from the back of house. The production team is responsible for sound, lights, video, screen design, lyrics, livestream, and more! We will have training opportunities for all production team members regardless of experience or skill on July 29-30. If you are interested in more information, please contact Justin (Justin@calvarydothan.com) or Patrick (patrick@calvarydothan.com).

## Calvary Adoption and Foster Care Ministry Lemonade Stand

**Sunday, July 24 | 2-5pm | Calvary Parking Lot**

The kids from Calvary's Adoption and Foster Care Ministry are taking a stand this summer for orphans around the world. Our kids will be selling lemonade and baked goods in front of the Children's Building to raise funds that will go to support Lifeline's "Stand for Orphans" program.

Please come support this effort and be part of Calvary's answer to the world's orphan crises. This will also be a time of fellowship for the ministry and the larger church family. In addition, we will have materials and information to any who may have questions regarding fostering and adoption. Please come by!

## Calvary Kids Volunteers

CALVARY KIDS IS ASSEMBLING our 2022-23 volunteer staff for ministry beginning in August. Let us introduce you to the extraordinary opportunities that await. Email: zach@calvarydothan.com, Call: 334.792.5159 or Text: 334.733.6326.

## Family Bike Night | Wednesday, August 3 | 6-7:30pm

Preschool and Calvary Kids families, bring your bikes, your scooters, your skateboards, and your family for our "Family Bike Night." We will block off our parking lot and allow children to safely ride with their friends! Parents must stay. Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy this fun time of fellowship. We will also have ice cream for you to enjoy!

## Life Group Promotion Sunday

All preschool, children and student Life Groups will promote to their new class on August 7.

## Midweek Schedule

There will be no Midweek worship July 6-August 3. Midweek will resume August 10.

5:30pm	Midweek Meal, Fellowship Center
6pm	Midweek Worship, Sanctuary
	Preschool, Babies-K5, Preschool Building
	Children, Grades 1-5, ROC
	Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room

## Dinner with the Pastor

Tuesday, August 9 | 6:15pm | Parlor

## Membership Matters

Wednesday, August 17 | 6pm | Parlor

If you are considering membership at Calvary, please join us for Dinner with the Pastor and the Membership Matters class. Contact Angie in the church office or email angie@calvarydothan.com to RSVP for dinner and childcare. Childcare is provided for 6-week-olds through 5th grade.

"The gospel is like a caged lion,' said the great baptist preacher Charles Spurgeon. 'It does not need to be defended, it simply needs to be let out of its cage. Today, the cage is our accommodation to the secular/sacred split that reduces Christianity to a matter of personal belief. To unlock the cage, we need to become utterly convinced that, as Francis Schaeffer said, Christianity is not merely religious truth, it is total truth – truth about the whole of reality."

**- Nancy Pearcey, *Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from its Cultural Captivity***

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is absolute, unapologetic, unambiguous, propositional *truth*. It is not merely *my* truth or *our* truth. It is not true for some and not true for others. Its accuracy and veracity are not dependent on anyone's agreement with or acceptance of it. It just *is*. It is fundamentally a proclamation before it is an invitation. And faith *in* and adherence to this truth is life-changing and life-giving. The celebration and proclamation of this truth is our *raison d'être* and our divine calling/mission in the world.

But we live in an increasingly post-modern society that rejects the notions of truth and purpose.

So, where the absolute claims of Jesus are accurately and boldly declared and where faithful Christian living is displayed, there will be pushback. That pushback might be subtle or it might be severe. We should expect it and we should endure it. We might pay a cost for this Gospel and our allegiance to it – relationally, financially, politically, even physically – but those who surrender their lives to Christ will gain an infinite, incomparable reward! That's our motivation.

In a world that says you can't know truth and life has no grand purpose, we know that the Gospel of Jesus Christ gives *both*. Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and *you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*" (John 8:32)

Today as we explore Acts 14, we'll see several challenges and rewards of faithfulness in the context of an often God-denying, God-opposing culture, and – Lord willing – we too will be encouraged to "continue in the faith", knowing that "through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God".

So stay the course. Honor the King. Speak the truth. Don't quit.

- 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

July 17, 2022

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate, or in the boxes by the exits.

- Please update my information
- Please contact me about membership

### I am a:

- First Time Guest
- Attender
- 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

Name / Date of Birth

Name / Date of Birth

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 Church by MinistryOne 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...

July 10

Life Groups: 419  
10:00 Worship: 570  
Hispanic Church: 111  
Grace City Church (NY): 30

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given July 10: \$36,086.91  
Y-T-D Budget  
Surplus (Deficit): \$34,765.07

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, July 17:

Dt 3, Ps 85, Is 31, Rev 1

Monday, July 18:

Dt 4, Ps 86-87, Is 32, Rev 2

Tuesday, July 19:

Dt 5, Ps 88, Is 33, Rev 3

Wednesday, July 20:

Dt 6, Ps 89, Is 34, Rev 4

Thursday, July 21:

Dt 7, Ps 90, Is 35, Rev 5

Friday, July 22:

Dt 8, Ps 91, Is 36, Rev 6

Saturday, July 16:

Dt 9, Ps 92-93, Is 37, Rev 7

### Midweek Schedule

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### 4 Ways to Give

- Give online by going to [calvarydothan.com/give-online/](http://calvarydothan.com/give-online/).
- 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, July 17:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

Saturday, July 23:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Sunday, July 24:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

### SERMON SCHEDULE

No Midweek Service July 6-August 3

Sunday, July 24 | 10am

Acts: The Jerusalem Council  
(And Why it Matters)

Acts: 15:1-35

Message by Dan Tankersley

Sunday, July 31 | 10am

Acts: Division and the Purposes of God

Acts: 15:36-16:15

Message by Dan Tankersley

### 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)

No Kids Worship in July

11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM  
94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

... it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

- Philippians 1:20



WELCOME TO  
**Calvary**  
BAPTIST CHURCH