

The Reasonable Word

Acts 17:1-15

Part 1: The Thessalonians – vv. 1-9

Paul invested _____ to present a _____ Gospel.

2 key terms:

- Explaining ...
- Proving ...

Paul presented the Gospel _____, not _____.

2 assumptions:

- They accepted the scriptures as _____.
- They were _____ respond to the truth logically explained and applied.

And from 1 Thessalonians, we know a bit more of Paul’s example (1 Thessalonians 2:1-16):

- Paul considered the costs _____.
- The Gospel will never advance without _____.
- Paul operated from two motives:
 - o _____ to God
 - o _____ for the peopleThese 2 motives force _____ without apology.
- Paul poured his life into the _____.
- Paul lived a life that validated the _____.
- Paul called them to more than _____. He called them to _____.

Their response? In a word, _____.

Two constants in Gospel ministry:

- _____
- _____

Neither are under our control.

Those who opposed the Gospel leveled 2 accusations:

- “these men ... have turned the world upside down ...”
- “they are ... saying there is another king, Jesus.”

They didn’t know how _____ they really were!

- The Gospel is the only way to turn the world _____!
- The _____ Gospel is always a _____ Gospel!

Part 2: The Bereans - vv. 10-15

The Bereans were different than the Thessalonians:

They were more _____ ...

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Some lessons on receiving the Word like a Berean:

Two big takeaways for every believer:

D-Group Rally

Sunday, August 14 | 5pm | Fellowship Center

Come celebrate what God is doing through D-Groups! This event is for ALL men and women of Calvary. Childcare will be provided for babies through Kindergarten.

Membership Matters

Wednesday, August 17 | 6pm | Parlor

If you are considering membership at Calvary, please join us for the Membership Matters class.

Senior Adult Midmonth Worship & Lunch

Thursday, August 18 | 11am | Fellowship Center

Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Center immediately following the service.

Elder Nominations

Calvary is accepting elder nominations during August. Nomination forms are in the Fellowship Center Foyer and can be placed in the offering boxes inside the Fellowship Center.

Facilitators Needed for DivorceCare and GriefShare

DivorceCare is a safe place where caring people come alongside you as you find healing from the pain of separation or divorce. At this 13-week, video-based support group program, you’ll find helpful counsel to manage the emotional turmoil and practical tools for decision making.

calvarydothan.com/divorcecare

It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you’ve lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you’ve probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you’ve never faced before. GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

calvarydothan.com/griefshare

If you would like to help with either of these ministries, please contact the church office.

Senior Adult Trip to Celebrators Conference

October 10-13 | Pigeon Forge, TN

Cost is \$375 per person and includes conference, lodging with breakfast, and transportation. Deadline to register is Sunday, August 28. Contact the church office to register.

Local Missions Opportunity

As the body of Christ, we have an opportunity to serve the neighbors of our city through the Love Dothan initiative. On Saturday, August 20, the opportunity to serve will benefit the residents of the Morris-Haven neighborhood (adjacent to the Houston County Farm Center). The coordination point will be the Houston County Farm Center. Work hours are 8:00-12:00. Cleanup will be the focus of our service. Bring tools such as chainsaws, pole saws, lawn mowers, string trimmers, hedge trimmers, pruning shears, rakes, and work gloves. If you or your Life Group are interested in volunteering, email tommy@calvarydothan.com or call the church office.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 25 | 2-6pm | Parlor

Be the lifeline patients need by giving blood. To make an appointment to donate, visit redcrossblood.org, enter your zip code, and look for the Calvary Baptist Church listing.

Calvary Kids Ministry

We’re almost there! Our team is nearly full, but we’re still looking for a few more godly men and women to join our team to make disciples among our elementary boys and girls.

Kids Worship Leaders | Sundays at 10am

1st and 2nd Grade | Wednesday Evenings at 6pm

Reach out to Zach in person, email zach@calvarydothan.com, or call or text, 334-733-6326.

Women’s Bible Study

Join us for God of Freedom - a ten week Bible study on Exodus 19-40 by Jen Wilkin. We have two time options available: Sundays, beginning September 11, at 4:30pm in the Kids Worship Room, and Tuesdays, beginning September 13, at 9am in the Kids Worship Room. Cost is \$25 which includes the book and access to stream the video talks by Jen Wilkin. Register online at calvarydothan.com. Childcare is available on Sundays only by registration.

Women’s Coffee and Connect

Join us Sunday, September 18, at 3pm in the Parlor for Women’s Coffee and Connect. We will enjoy food and fellowship as we discuss the topic of generosity and how it impacts our actions and lives as women of God.

Ten Ways to be Noble – Like the Bereans

(Adapted from Acts: A Visual Guide, by Kevin DeYoung and Chris Ranson)

1. Listen to the sermon with an **open Bible**.

All true preaching comes from Scripture. Nehemiah 8:8 gives us a good model to follow: “*They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.*”

2. **Don’t rush** from the Word of God to the rest of your life.

Don’t let the ‘stuff’ of this life choke out what God is saying to you thru His Word. In Matthew 13:22, Jesus warns us: “*As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.*”

3. Get in the Word as a **way of life**.

How often do you check your phone? Your social media? The Bereans “checked the scriptures daily”. Compare your ‘screen time’ to your Word time.

Psalms 1:1-2 reminds us that a “blessed man” has as his “delight” God’s Word: “... *his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.*”

4. Approach the Bible with **eager expectation**.

When you read, study, and hear God’s Word, you should eagerly expect to hear from God! Eagerness is a sign that God’s Spirit is moving. J.I. Packer used the term “beavers for the Bible”. Am I one of those?

5. Be prepared to study the word **deeply**.

The Bereans weren’t passive in their approach to Scripture. They knew that “examining” God’s Word is hard work. You’ll get out of your study what you put into it!

6. **Be confident** you are able to discover biblical truth.

You have to study hard, but you don’t have to be a ‘scholar’ or a ‘genius’. Consider this promise from Psalm 119:130: “*The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.*”

7. Learn to **recognize heresies**.

Some things which people claim to be from the Bible are not. And some things are twisted or so removed from their context as to be misleading or deceptive. Most heresies use scripture as their proof!

8. **Test difficult doctrines** against the scripture before discarding them.

Our first test about any claim or teaching is not “How does this make me feel?”, but “Is this true (according to God’s Word)?” We must always conform our thinking and believing to what Scripture actually says – and not vice versa.

9. **Be humble** enough to submit to the Bible.

In Acts 17:4, “some of them were persuaded” by the teaching of God. No matter who you are, be willing to surrender your beliefs and behaviors to God’s Word. Trust Him and obey Him.

10. Give the Bible **final say** on every matter on which it means to speak.

The Bible is our supreme judge of what is true and right. Our final argument should never come from our feelings, our philosophies/ideas, or our experiences. It should come from the Book of God.

May it be so of us!

May we all be and always be people of the book!

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

August 14, 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/.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to 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...

August 7

Life Groups: 493
10:00 Worship: 677
Hispanic Church: 105
Grace City Church (NY): 30

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given August 7: \$45,253.76
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): (\$10,023.58)

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, August 14:

Dt 32, Ps 119:121-144, Is 59, Mt 7

Monday, August 15:

Dt 33, Ps 119:145-176, Is 60, Mt 8

Tuesday, August 16:

Jos 1, Ps 120-122, Is 61, Mt 9

Wednesday, August 17:

Jos 2, Ps 123-125, Is 62, Mt 10

Thursday, August 18:

Jos 3, Ps 126-128, Is 63, Mt 11

Friday, August 19:

Jos 4, Ps 129-131, Is 64, Mt 12

Saturday, August 20:

Jos 5:1-6:5, Ps 132-134, Is 65, Mt 13

Midweek Schedule

6:00pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary
Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building
Children, Grades 1-5, Kids Worship Room
Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

4 Ways to Give

- Give online by going to 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.....Missions

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, August 14:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

Saturday, August 20:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

Sunday, August 21:

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 17 | 6pm

Exodus 2: The Birth of a Savior

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, August 21 | 10am

Acts: Paul at Mars Hill

Acts 17:16-34

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, August 24 | 6pm

Exodus 3: The Great I AM

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, August 28 | 10am

Acts: The Sovereignty of God and

the Confidence of the Gospel

Acts 18:1-23

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,

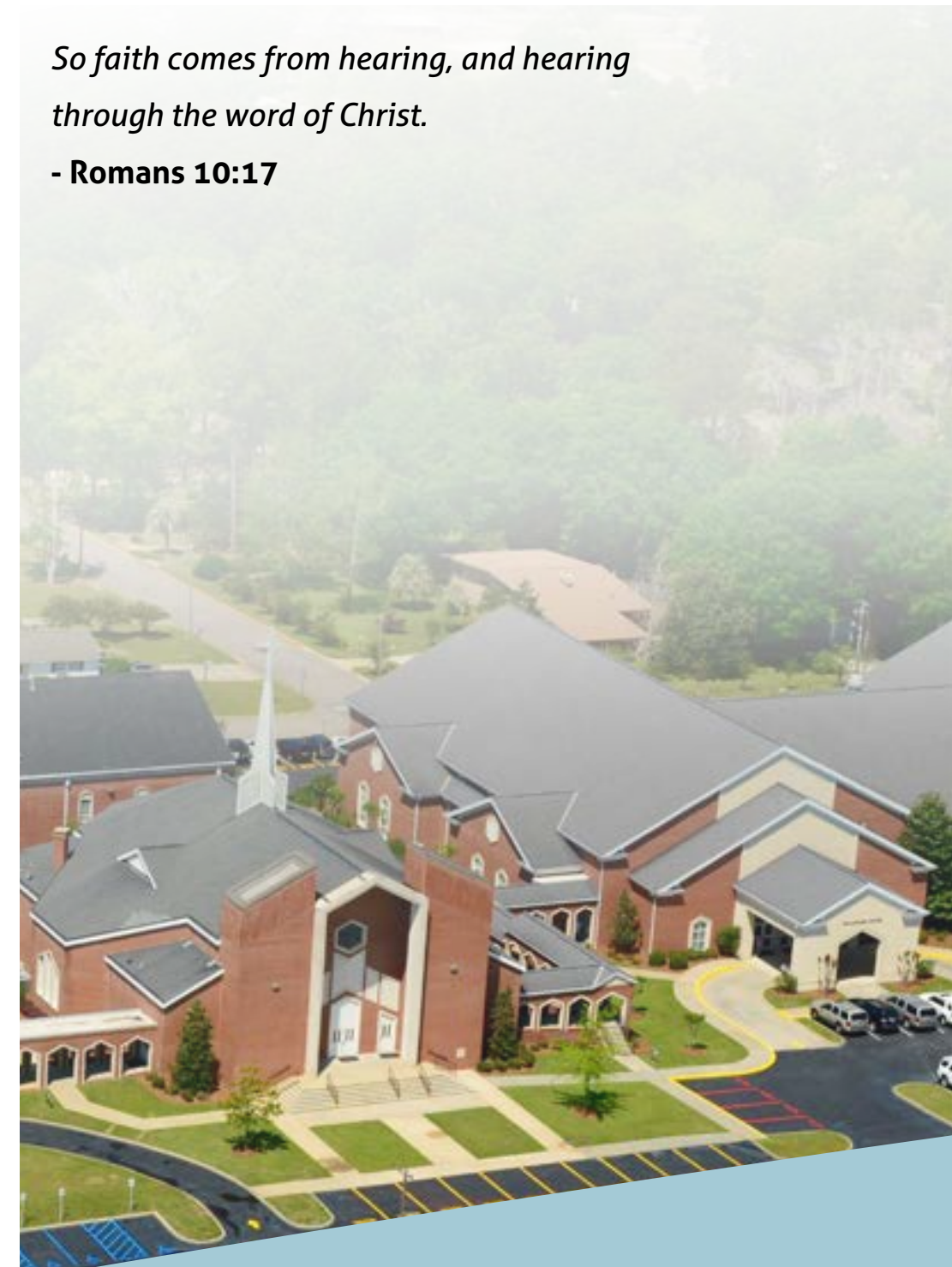
Chapel (except 1st Sunday)

11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM

94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

- Romans 10:17



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH