

The Sovereignty of God and the Confidence of the Gospel

Acts 18:1-23

The Gospel penetrates even **Corinth**. v. 1-8

Paul’s description of his ministry there: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

- The method ...
- The message ...
- The messenger ...

But God strengthens Paul through ...

- _____ believers
- _____ co-workers

Note Paul’s singular focus: “*Paul was occupied with the word ...*”

Why is that so essential?

But the Jews there opposed him and resorted to _____.

Paul’s response?

“... *he shook out his garments and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”*”

So, Paul moves _____, and amazingly, Crispus (the synagogue ruler) is saved!

Surely that lets us know ...

The 3-fold **missional promise of God** to Paul: v. 9-11

I promise my _____. “*I am with you.*”

I promise my _____. “*No one will attack you to harm you.*”

I promise my _____. “*I have many in this city who are my people.*”

The LORD will ...

... _____ out His own sheep (John 10:3ff).

... open their _____. (Acts 16:14)

... _____ them as His own. (Acts 15:14)

... give eternal life to those He has _____. (Acts 13:48)

God is letting Paul (and us) know that ____ has a mission and it will not _____.

And God, who has, in his sovereignty, assured us of the “ends”, is also sovereign in the “means”:

“*Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent ...*”

Three “responsibilities” in the Gospel and conversion:

God’s ...

Ours ...

Theirs ...

A clear example of **promise** and **providence**: v. 12-17

Their charge against Paul was that his teachings were _____ and not _____, so therefore “contrary to the law”.

Gallio ruled that it was a _____ that didn’t require government intervention.

The result was a _____ that enabled Paul to speak the Gospel freely in Corinth and other Roman provinces.

God _____ Paul, just as He had promised!

Epilogue – the completion of Paul’s Second Missionary Journey: v. 18-23

His work accomplished more than starting churches. It also _____ them.

Paul didn’t work _____, but under the _____ of a local congregation.

Next stop: _____.

*Dr. Paul Thompson
August 28, 2022*

Prayer and Praise Service | October 16

The staff is seeking stories of answered prayer to highlight in our upcoming Prayer and Praise Service. If you have an answered prayer you would like to share with the congregation, please call the church office or email justin@calvarydothan.com.

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.

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.

Prayers of the Righteous

Wednesday, September 21 | 6pm | Dothan Civic Center

The Prayers of the Righteous is a city-wide prayer gathering for Christians all over Dothan to meet together to pray. Calvary will not have our regular Midweek service this night but encourages everyone to attend this prayer service.

Bible Skills Drills & Thrills | Grades 4-6 | Sundays @ 6pm

We’re excited to offer Bible Skills, Drills, & Thrills on Sunday evenings for Grades 4-6!

This is a curriculum that offers activities to appeal to all children as they develop valuable Bible skills. Our first meeting is this Sunday evening at 6pm. Meetings will take place in the Recreation Outreach Center, Rooms 300-302 on the 2nd floor. Make plans to join us! For more information email Joann Bruley, joann.bruley@yahoo.com.

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.

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.

The following is an excerpt from ***Drawing the Line: Why Doctrine Matters*** by R. Scott Clark:

Doctrine is Biblical

“One of the root ideas in the word doctrine is *instruction*. Moses received instruction from the Lord on the mountain (Ex. 24:12), which occurred after the Israelites had sworn a blood oath (v. 7) to do all that the Lord had spoken. That instruction included truths about who God is, what He had done for His people, and what He expected of them. In the New Testament, Titus, a young pastor on the island of Crete, was exhorted to “hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught” so as to be able to “give instruction in sound doctrine” (Titus 1:9).

Doctrine is Evangelical

The early church focused on the Bible’s doctrine of God and Christ. They concluded that God’s Word teaches that God is one in essence and three in person, and that Jesus, God the Son incarnate, is one person with two natures (divine and human).

The Reformation was largely a struggle to recover the certain biblical doctrine of justification by unmerited divine favor alone, through faith alone, on the basis of Christ’s righteousness imputed alone.

Beginning about one hundred and fifty years after the Reformation ... the Enlightenment laid siege to the reliability of Scripture as God’s Word and to the Christian faith and life.

The ecclesiastical version of this movement became known as liberalism. The liberals derided doctrine as impractical and dry speculation. “Deeds not creeds” was their slogan. Of course, they only pretended to deny doctrine. They were teaching the “doctrines” of the universal fatherhood of God, the universal brotherhood of man, and human goodness (denying the fall).

Doctrine is Unavoidable

Non-doctrinal Christianity is impossible. The teaching of non-doctrinal Christianity is doctrine. It is bad doctrine, but it is doctrine nonetheless. The real question is not whether Christians will have doctrine but which doctrine or whose doctrine?

Doctrine is Practical

In Scripture, there is no divorce between doctrine and practice. In Proverbs 8:10, instruction is a synonym for knowledge, and both come in the context of getting wisdom... It is impossible to be wise, in the biblical sense, without doctrine.

The Apostle Paul warned the Roman congregation (Rom. 16:7) about those who divide the congregation, who seek their own gain, and who contradict Apostolic doctrine. The noun doctrine occurs in a similar context in Ephesians 4:12. Paul contrasts crafty, self-aggrandizing liars who are immature and who may cause believers to be tossed about “by every wind of doctrine,” that is, every passing fad, like a small boat in a big storm. Here, bad doctrine and moral corruption are intertwined.

... Nevertheless, for all its virtues, good doctrine is not magic. It is possible for someone to profess right doctrine and yet remain an unbeliever. That is called hypocrisy. It is also possible for one to live well and yet confess bad doctrine. That is blessed inconsistency. Neither Scripture nor history commends either option. We should rather think that good doctrine is salutary— healthy and helpful in the same way that sunshine, clean air, and rain are salutary for living beings.”

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 28, 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

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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.

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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 21

Life Groups: 566
10:00 Worship: 676
Hispanic Church: 125
Grace City Church (NY): 30

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given August 21: \$41,579.68
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): (\$43,889.06)

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, August 28:

Jos 14-15, Ps 146-147, Jer 7, Mt 21

Monday, August 29:

Jos 16-17, Ps 148, Jer 8, Mt 22

Tuesday, August 30:

Jos 18-19, Ps 149-150, Jer 9, Mt 23

Wednesday, August 31:

Jos 20-21, Acts 1, Jer 10, Mt 24

Thursday, September 1:

Jos 22, Acts 2, Jer 11, Mt 25

Friday, September 2:

Jos 23, Acts 3, Jer 12, Mt 26

Saturday, September 3:

Jos 24, Acts 4, Jer 13, Mt 27

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 28:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Saturday, September 3:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Sunday, September 4:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 31 | 6pm

The Exodus: The Person, Promise, and Power of God

Exodus 4: The Staff of God

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, September 4 | 10am

Acts: Baptism and the Spirit

Acts 18:24-19:10

Message by Dan Tankersley

Wednesday, September 7 | 6pm

The Exodus: The Person, Promise, and Power of God

Exodus 5: Bricks Without Straw

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, September 11 | 10am

Acts: Who in Hell Are You?

Acts 19:11-20

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,

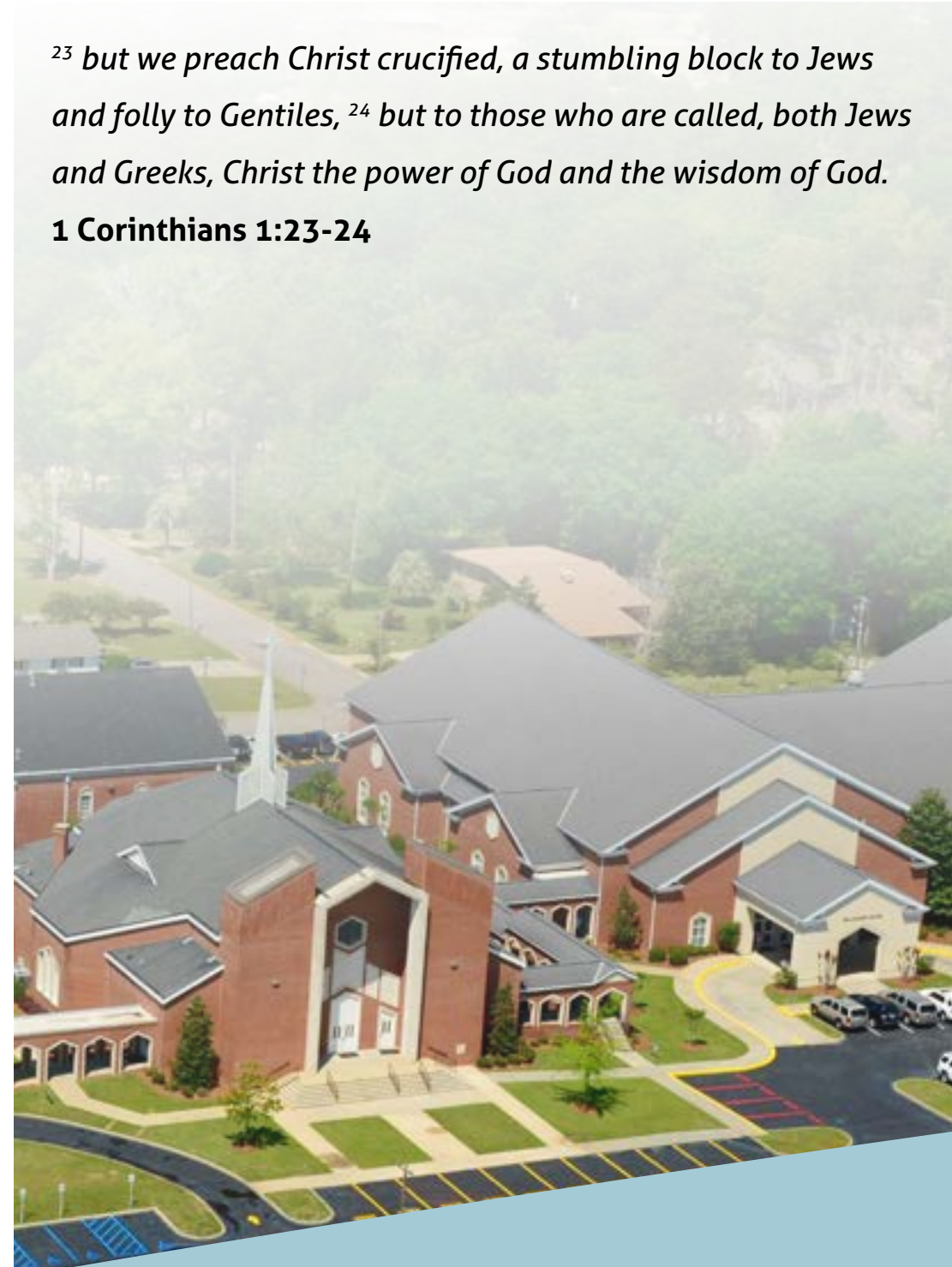
Chapel (except 1st Sunday)

11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM

94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:23-24



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BAPTIST CHURCH