

Saints in Transition

Acts 18:24-19:10

Apollos in Transition (Acts 18:24-28)

Apollos was a disciple of John the Baptist. He did not have a full understanding of _____.

He did not know about the _____ or about the _____.

Apollos needed the rest of the story concerning Jesus.

Regardless of whether we consider Apollos a Christian _____ to his meeting with Aquila and Priscilla, he is clearly a believer _____.

Apollos was both an effective preacher and a powerful apologist (defender of the faith).

The church eventually held him in the same high esteem they held Peter and Paul. (1 Cor. 3:5-6)

Some even suspect that Apollos wrote the book of _____.

The Twelve Disciples of John in Transition (Acts 19:1–7)

Were these “disciples” genuine Christians in verse 1? _____. A wrong interpretation of this passage leads to dangerous theology and practice. Even if there was a time in church history when there was a gap between conversion and the receiving of the Holy Spirit, that time is passed. Acts records a unique phase of church history.

Here’s what we know today based on what was recorded later in Scripture:

Those who believe are _____ with the _____. (Eph. 1:13-14)

Those who are not sealed with the Holy Spirit are not _____. (Rom. 8:9)

All who are led by the Spirit are _____. (Rom. 8:14)

There is _____ baptism in the Spirit. (1 Cor. 12:12-13)

After God gifts us with the baptism of the Spirit, He then commands us:

_____ in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16)

_____ by the Spirit (Rom. 8:14)

_____ with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18)

do not _____ the Spirit (Eph. 4:30)

do not _____ the Spirit (1 Thess. 5:19)

This story has often been used as the basis for doctrines about the reception of gifts of the Spirit subsequent to conversion; but it has no real connection with these. Rather Paul was dealing with an unusual situation which required special treatment.

- Howard Marshall

Paul: Empowered for Mission (Acts 19:8-10)

In verse 8, Paul returns to God’s mission. He uses logic and reason to persuade people about the gospel. As usual, some believed the message while others rejected it. Some even went so far as to slander Christ’s followers (Acts 19:9). In response to rejection, Paul and the disciples withdrew and began looking for another place into which to take the hope of the gospel.

Thus, verse 10, like the whole book of Acts, helps us understand how early Christianity spread out of the synagogue and into the rest of the world—to the Jew first and then to the Greek also. It also helps us understand the means through which the message of Christianity spread—through the faithful, persistent preaching of God’s word.

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Calvary Baptist Church
September 4, 2022*

Calvary’s Resource Center is Now Open

Open Sunday mornings and Wednesdays Nights

Join us in the ROC at the Resource Center Open House on Sunday, September 11, immediately following worship. The Resource Center is stocked with books recommended by our pastors, Calvary t-shirts and hats, and more.

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.

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.

Senior Adult Mid-Month Service & Lunch

Thursday, September 22 | 11am | Sanctuary

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

Fall Family Day

CornDodgers Farm | October 9 | 3pm | \$10 per person

Load up the family and let’s meet up at CornDodgers Farm for a fun-filled time of fellowship. Concessions will be open for you to purchase. Check out their webpage for all activities and food options, <https://corn Dodgers farm.com>.

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.

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

A “Second Blessing?”

Our text today (Acts 18:24-19:10) is one some Pentecostals use to justify the concept of a “second blessing.” According to Gotquestions.org, the term second blessing is understood in two ways by Christians—one with reference to the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and one with reference to sinless perfection. While the concept of a second blessing is taught in a wide variety of churches, the phrase is not found anywhere in Scripture. The Bible does speak often of the baptism of the Spirit, as well as the sanctification of believers, but not in the context of a “second blessing” or a second stage of the life of faith.

Regarding sinless perfection, Scripture is clear that God has done the work of sanctification for all Christians. In Hebrews 10:10 we are told, “By [God’s] will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” It is a finished act, done for us on the cross. To be sanctified is to be set apart, dedicated, and made holy. That is a once-for-all-time occurrence that is part of the package of salvation. We stand before God in a position of holiness through Christ’s one-time sacrifice for us. Scripture also speaks of a process of sanctification which is ongoing in this life, sometimes called practical sanctification. It is not a “second blessing”, but a fulfillment of what God started at our justification, when we received Christ.

The other meaning of “second blessing” is rooted in the Pentecostal doctrine of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. This is described variously as the crucial blessing to be sought, the ultimate experience to strive for, and the greatest achievement of the Christian. Confusion about the baptism and the filling of the Spirit leads to confusion in doctrine. The baptism of the Holy Spirit (also known as sealing or indwelling) happens one time at justification and is for all believers (Romans 8:9; Ephesians 1:13). We are never commanded to seek it or pray for it. After we are baptized in the Spirit at conversion, then we are commanded: walk in the Spirit, be led by the Spirit, be filled with the Spirit, do not quench the Spirit, etc. What some Pentecostals call a “second blessing” is really just the continuation of our sanctification.

- Dan Tankersley

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

September 4, 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

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Cell Phone

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.

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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 28
Life Groups: 505
10:00 Worship: 696
Hispanic Church: 124
Grace City Church (NY): 30

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund
Given August 28: \$49,608.36
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): (\$43,889.06)

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, September 4:
Jgs 1, Acts 5, Jer 14, Mt 28
Monday, September 5:
Jgs 2, Acts 6, Jer 15, Mk 1
Tuesday, September 6:
Jgs 3, Acts 7, Jer 16, Mk 2
Wednesday, September 7:
Jgs 4, Acts 8, Jer 17, Mk 3
Thursday, September 8:
Jgs 5, Acts 9, Jer 18, Mk 4
Friday, September 9:
Jgs 6, Acts 10, Jer 19, Mk 5
Saturday, September 10:
Jgs 7, Acts 11, Jer 20, Mk 6

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, September 4:
Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986
Saturday, September 10:
Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191
Sunday, September 11:
Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

SERMON SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, September 14 | 6pm
The Exodus: The Person, Promise, and Power of God
Exodus 6: The Almighty God
Message by Paul Thompson

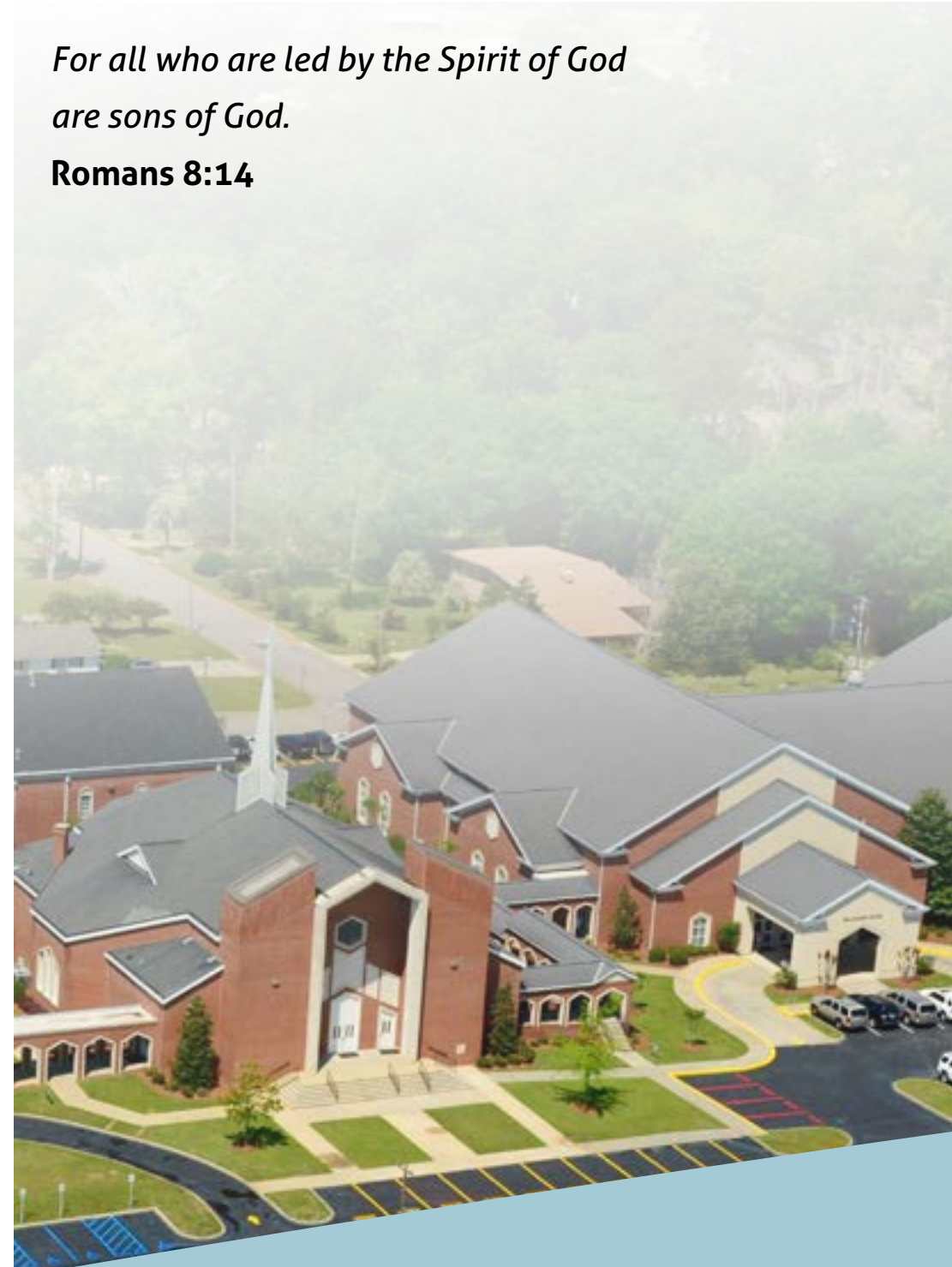
Sunday, September 18 | 10am
Acts: Bad Guy Christianity
Acts 19:21-41
Message by Don Mills

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.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Romans 8:14



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BAPTIST CHURCH