

Compelled by Love

Acts 21:37-22:11

Context: Acts 21:37-40

Nearly _____ by a Jewish mob, who intended to kill him on the spot (21:31), Paul is taken into custody by the Roman tribune for _____.

Thinking initially Paul to be a _____ figure who led a murderous rebellion against Rome, he realizes he is in fact _____.

Paul asks for permission to address those who had moments before brutally beaten him, charging him with being _____ (21:28).

The **painful irony:** Romans 9:1-5!

Paul’s Passionate Defense to His People: Acts 22:1-22

Some questions/observations from the text:

Why do “good people” need the Gospel?

What is the relationship of Jesus to His people (the church)?

How was Paul saved?

What is the purpose/value of Christian community (the church)?

What is the message and affirmation of baptism?

What does the Gospel call me to do?

Gospelling via testimony:

- _____ ground
- Life _____ Christ
- My _____ with Christ and my _____ to Him
- My _____ (not perfect) life

And they listened to Paul ... up to the point of _____. And then they were _____.

5 Questions for Every Believer:

Do I _____ people enough to _____, even if they reject it and me?

Will I be _____ to my calling as _____ and not be dissuaded by opposition?

Am I _____ to take the risk of _____ for the sake of the Gospel?

Am I _____ to speak boldly and confidently in that moment of _____?

Will I _____ enough to obey Him and leave the _____ in His hands?

1 Question for Any Unbeliever:

Do you understand why we want – so desperately – for you to hear the Good News, and why we are willing to be misunderstood, rejected, and even hated for it?

*Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
October 23, 2022*

Member Meeting

Wednesday, October 26 | 6pm | Sanctuary

All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting. D-groups and Midweek Bible Study will begin after the meeting at approximately 6:15.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, November 3 | 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.

Membership Matters Schedule

Dinner with the Pastor | Monday, November 7 | 6:15 pm | Parlor

Meaningful Membership | Wednesday, November 16 | 5:45 pm | Parlor

If you are considering membership at Calvary, join us for Dinner with the Pastor (introduction to membership) and our Meaningful Membership Class. Both classes are required for membership. To sign up or for more information, call Angie in the church office or email angie@calvarydothan.com.

Senior Adult Mid-Month Veterans Day Service & Lunch

Thursday, November 10 | 11:00 am | Sanctuary

One of our elders, Eric Donop, will be preaching the worship service. There will be a special time of remembering and honoring our veterans during the service. Lunch will be served immediately following the service in the Fellowship Center.

If you would like to include a picture of you or your loved one who served in the military, please call Angie or Caren in the church office.

Alabama Baptist State Convention

November 15-16 | Birmingham, AL

If you would like to attend the Alabama Baptist State Convention as a messenger for Calvary, call the church office or email caren@calvarydothan.com.

Presentation of Elder Candidates

The council of elders is presenting three men to the congregation as elder candidates. Tyler Campbell, Jed Downs, and David Glover were nominated by the congregation in August, vetted in September by the council of elders, and now the church is asked to provide written, signed comments relating to these three men during the month of October. Email comments to charles@calvarydothan.com or drop them off in the church office.

SABA Fall Food Drive

Kickoff fall with a food drive for YOUR Ministry Center. This food drive for non-perishable foods will run through the entire month of October. Drop boxes have been placed in the ROC, Fellowship Center Foyer, and the Children and Preschool areas. Thank you in advance for your generosity in serving our community.

Student DNow Weekend

Stranded | November 11-13 | 6th-12th Grade

Cost to register is \$100 (additional students/siblings \$85 each). Register online at calvarydothan.com. The deadline is Sunday, October 30.

Student Summer Camp 2023

June 9-13 | 6th-12th Grade | Deadline for \$75 Deposit: January 15

Mark your calendars! Online registration is open for camp next summer! Register soon to reserve a spot for your student.

The following is an excerpt from *Risky Gospel*, by Owen Strachan.

In the book, Strachan proposes “three major elements” of the Christian public witness, which he states as imperatives. The first two, respectively, are “Love your neighbor by courageously speaking truth” and “Be salt and light in order to preserve and enlighten our communities.” What follows is an excerpt from the third category, “Get involved through deeds and actions”:

“Christians must be courageous. Our courage must take the form of actual speech. We can’t simply nod our heads to true statements in church. We’ve got to actually get into the world, enter the public square however we can, and speak love through courage.

But there has to be a second component as well: we’ve got to have practical skin in the game. We’ve got to speak up. That’s non-negotiable (Matt 5:10–12, 16). We’re supposed to be hated by unrighteous people for being clear about biblical truth; that’s a sign, ironically, that things are going right, not wrong (according to, well, Jesus Christ).

Something is missing, though, if we talk a great game but don’t take practical steps to love our neighbor and be gospel salt and light. In the same way every emperor needs clothes to go with his authority, we need deeds to go with our proclamation.

We’re not only called to speak. The Bible certainly does expect us to speak up such that we may well be “persecuted for righteousness’ sake” (Matt 5:10). But it also calls us to sacrificially involve ourselves in addressing the fallenness of this world. In fact, you could say that the Lord intends for these two priorities to work together, and to show the world that the church devoted to Jesus Christ is both courageous and sacrificial (much like her namesake).

Think about texts like James 1:27, which boils “religion” down to this: “Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.” If we would claim to walk purely before God, we must be practicing “actional” faith. We can’t simply say, in other words, “I’m pure because I’m saved and I have really super quiet times each morning.” This is essential, because we must be “unstained” in worldly terms. But it’s not the whole story.

The Lord wants our faith to have an edge, to have skin in the game, to be active in the world, to be aimed in some way at those who cannot care for themselves. Too many of us reduce our faith to church attendance and our own daily pursuit of God. These things are very important. But God intends for us to be reaching into the darkness. He wants us to love our neighbors not only by speaking, but by acting on their behalf.

He wants us not to simply identify the darkness, but to plunge into it. There is absolutely zero tension in the Bible between being a “private” and a “public” Christian. In a similar way, there is no biblical tension between loving others in word (witness, proclamation) and loving them in deed. The Lord wants both, and if we only focus on proclamation (or the reverse), we miss the mark.”

A dying world needs a living hope. Will you give the reason for yours?

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

October 23, 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

Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.

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October Missions Spotlight

Steve and Toni Chambers (Neighborhood Church UWS)

Steve and Toni moved to NYC in the Fall of 2017 with the intent of planting a church in the city. By God's grace that became a reality and Neighborhood Church was born. Steve's mission for the church is simple: Love God and Love Your Neighbor. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of the Chambers' in NYC, you can visit facebook.com/neighborhoodchurchuws or neighborhoodchurchuws.com.

Fostering Hope (Local Missions Partner)

The leadership of Fostering Hope has a desire to support, encourage, and assist foster families and children of the Wiregrass. Their mission: Fostering hope by sharing Christ's love with foster families and children of the Wiregrass. If you would like to know more about the ministry work of Fostering Hope you can visit facebook.com/fosteringhopewiregrass or fosteringhopewiregrass.com.

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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...

October 16

Life Groups: 544
10:00 Worship: 630
6:00 Worship: 108
Hispanic Church: 130
Grace City Church (NY): 30

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given October 16: \$56,324.90
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): (\$12,118.40)

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, October 23:

1 Sam 29-30, 1 Cor 10, Ezk 8, Ps 46-47

Monday, October 24:

1 Sam 31, 1 Cor 11, Ezk 9, Ps 48

Tuesday, October 25:

2 Sam 1, 1 Cor 12, Ezk 10, Ps 49

Wednesday, October 26:

2 Sam 2, 1 Cor 13, Ezk 11, Ps 50

Thursday, October 27:

2 Sam 3, 1 Cor 14, Ezk 12, Ps 51

Friday, October 28:

2 Sam 4-5, 1 Cor 15, Ezk 13, Ps 52-54

Saturday, October 29:

2 Sam 6, 1 Cor 16, Ezk 14, Ps 55

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

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/how-to-become-a-christian/.

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

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson.....Senior Pastor
Charles Uptain.....Executive Pastor
Dan Tankersley.....Discipleship
Patrick Lima.....Worship
Tommy Perry.....Missions

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, October 23:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Saturday, October 29:

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Sunday, October 30:

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 26 | 6pm

Exodus 11: The Dreadful Wonders of God

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, October 30 | 10am

Acts: Tested and Proven -

The Unshakeable Faith of Paul

Acts 22:22-23:11

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, November 2 | 6pm

Exodus 12: From Passover to Exodus

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, November 6 | 10am

Acts: On Trial for Jesus

Acts 23:12-24:27

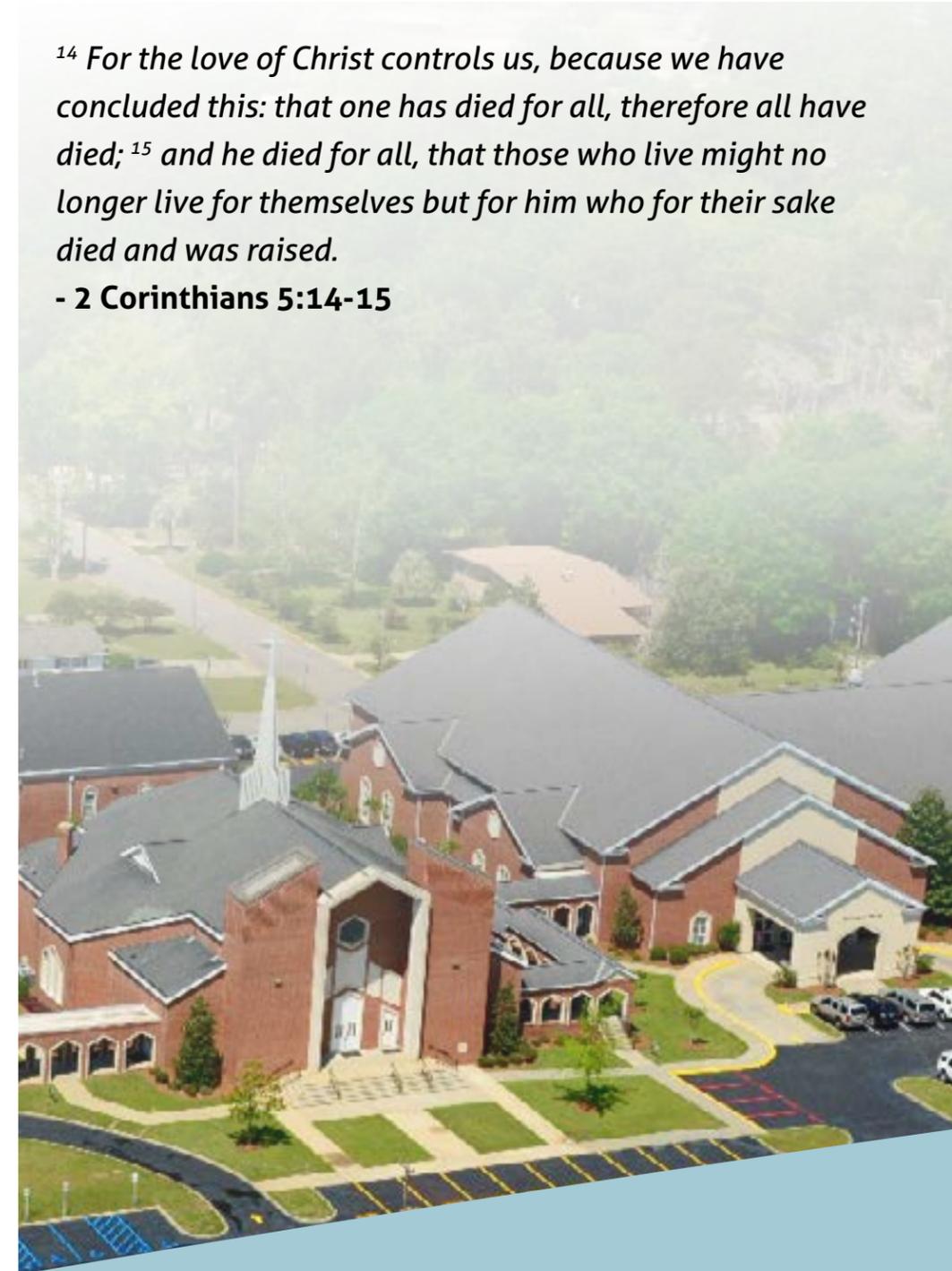
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Sunday Morning Schedule

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.

¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

- 2 Corinthians 5:14-15



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BAPTIST CHURCH