

Unshakeable Faith

Acts 22:23-23:11

Context: Acts 22:22-30

What triggered such a vitriolic response from the Jewish crowd?

What does Acts make clear about God’s purpose in the gospel?

Paul’s Chaotic Exchange with the Sanhedrin: Acts 23:1-11

The Sanhedrin was _____ and _____ ...

They were theologically at _____ with one another over a matter of _____ importance ...

The Jews continue to demonstrate their _____ of the Gospel, while the Romans, curiously enough, demonstrate a far greater _____ ...

When the debacle of a “hearing” is completed, the Lord encourages Paul:

*¹¹ The following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Take courage, for as **you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome.**”*

And that’s it. That’s our mandate and mission.

When given the OPPORTUNITY, we “**testify to the facts about Jesus**”.

Do that, and God is well-pleased. We will have been _____, and we can then trust God’s _____.

But like Paul, our words may not be _____ or even _____. And speaking might prove _____. For some brothers and sisters around the world it has been, is, and will be _____.

We know _____ Paul did when under trial and persecution.

Here’s _____ he did it *courageously, consistently, and unflinchingly: 2nd Corinthians 4.*

8 reasons Paul never quit on God:

God showed Paul _____.

Paul _____ to God’s will.

He knew and had experienced the _____.

He trusted God’s _____.

He lived for God’s _____.

He had the healthy view of his own _____ and _____.

He believed in the _____ and all that entailed.

He had eternal _____.

What about you? Will you lose heart, or will you fight the good fight, finish the race, and keep the faith?

*Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
October 30, 2022*

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.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox Collection Sunday: November 6

Pack a shoebox and send good news and great joy around the world. Shoeboxes are available in the Fellowship Center and church office.

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.

Help Provide a Thanksgiving Meal for Fostering Hope Families

Calvary’s Women’s Ministry has agreed to provide side dishes to foster families through Fostering Hope. The church will provide large aluminum pans and lids plus freezer space but we need ladies who can fill the dishes and have it ready to bake. Pans that are already labeled with the side dishes needed can be picked up in the Fellowship Center beginning November 6. Side dishes needed are: macaroni and cheese, green bean casserole, corn casserole, sweet potato casserole, and chicken and dressing. Dishes are due back to the church office by Friday, November 18, and will be delivered to Fostering Hope on November 19.

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.

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.

Sunday Morning Call to Prayer

Sundays | 8-8:15 am | Parlor

There is a time of prayer led by our pastors and elders. Everyone is invited to join in for part or all of the prayer time. Prayer time will meet in the Parlor for the next few weeks while lights are being replaced in the Sanctuary.

What Is Reformation Day?

Stephen Nichols

A single event on a single day changed the world. It was October 31, 1517. Brother Martin, a monk and a scholar, had struggled for years with his church, the church in Rome. He had been greatly disturbed by an unprecedented indulgence sale. The story has all the makings of a Hollywood blockbuster. Let’s meet the cast.

First, there is the young bishop—too young by church laws—Albert of Mainz. Not only was he bishop over two bishoprics, he desired an additional archbishopric over Mainz. This, too, was against church laws. So Albert appealed to the pope in Rome, Leo X. From the De Medici family, Leo X greedily allowed his tastes to exceed his financial resources. Enter the artists and sculptors, Raphael and Michelangelo.

When Albert of Mainz appealed for a papal dispensation, Leo X was ready to deal. Albert, with the papal blessing, would sell indulgences for past, present, and future sins. All of this sickened the monk Martin Luther. Can we buy our way into heaven? Luther had to speak out.

But why Oct. 31? Nov. 1 held a special place in the church calendar as All Saints’ Day. On Nov. 1, 1517, a massive exhibit of newly acquired relics would be on display at Wittenberg, Luther’s home city. Pilgrims would come from all over, genuflect before the relics, and take hundreds, if not thousands, of years off time in purgatory. Luther’s soul grew even more vexed. None of this seemed right.

Martin Luther, a scholar, took quill in hand, dipped it in his inkwell and penned his Ninety-Five Theses on Oct. 31, 1517. These were intended to spark a debate, to stir some soul-searching among his fellow brothers in the church. The Ninety-Five Theses sparked far more than a debate. They also revealed the church was far beyond rehabilitation. It needed a reformation. The church—and the world—would never be the same.

One of Luther’s Ninety-Five Theses simply declares, “*The Church’s true treasure is the gospel of Jesus Christ.*” *That alone is the meaning of Reformation Day. The church had lost sight of the gospel because it had long ago papered over the pages of God’s Word with layer upon layer of tradition. Mere tradition often brings about systems of works, of earning your way back to God. It was true of the Pharisees, and it was true of medieval Roman Catholicism. Didn’t Christ Himself say, “My yoke is easy and My burden is light”?*

Reformation Day celebrates the joyful beauty of the liberating gospel of Jesus Christ.

What is Reformation Day? It is the day the light of the gospel broke forth out of darkness. It was the day that began the Protestant Reformation. It was a day that led to Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox, and many other Reformers helping the church find its way back to God’s Word as the only supreme authority for faith and life and leading the church back to the glorious doctrines of justification by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. It kindled the fires of missionary endeavors, it led to hymn writing and congregational singing, and it led to the centrality of the sermon and preaching for the people of God. It is the celebration of a theological, ecclesiastical, and cultural transformation.

This day reminds us to be thankful for our past and to the monk turned Reformer. What’s more, this day reminds us of our duty, our obligation, to keep the light of the gospel at the center of all we do.

(Dr. Stephen J. Nichols is president of Reformation Bible College and Chief Academic Officer of Ligonier Ministries.)

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 30, 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)

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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 23

Life Groups: 547
10:00 Worship: 613
Hispanic Church: 130
Grace City Church (NY): 30

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given October 23: \$60,292.00
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): (\$12,118.40)

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, October 30:

2 Sam 7, 2 Cor 1, Ezk 15, Ps 56-57

Monday, October 31:

2 Sam 8-9, 2 Cor 2, Ezk 16, Ps 58-59

Tuesday, November 1:

2 Sam 10, 2 Cor 3, Ezk 17, Ps 60-61

Wednesday, November 2:

2 Sam 11, 2 Cor 4, Ezk 18, Ps 62-63

Thursday, November 3:

2 Sam 12, 2 Cor 5, Ezk 19, Ps 64-65

Friday, November 4:

2 Sam 13, 2 Cor 6, Ezk 20, Ps 66-67

Saturday, November 5:

2 Sam 14, 2 Cor 7, Ezk 21, Ps 68

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 30:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Saturday, November 5:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Sunday, November 6:

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SERMON SCHEDULE

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

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, November 9 | 6pm

Exodus 13: The Strong Hand and Sure Presence of God

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, November 13 | 10am

Acts: A Life Leveraged for the Gospel

Acts 25

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am Call to Prayer, Sanctuary

8:30am Life Group

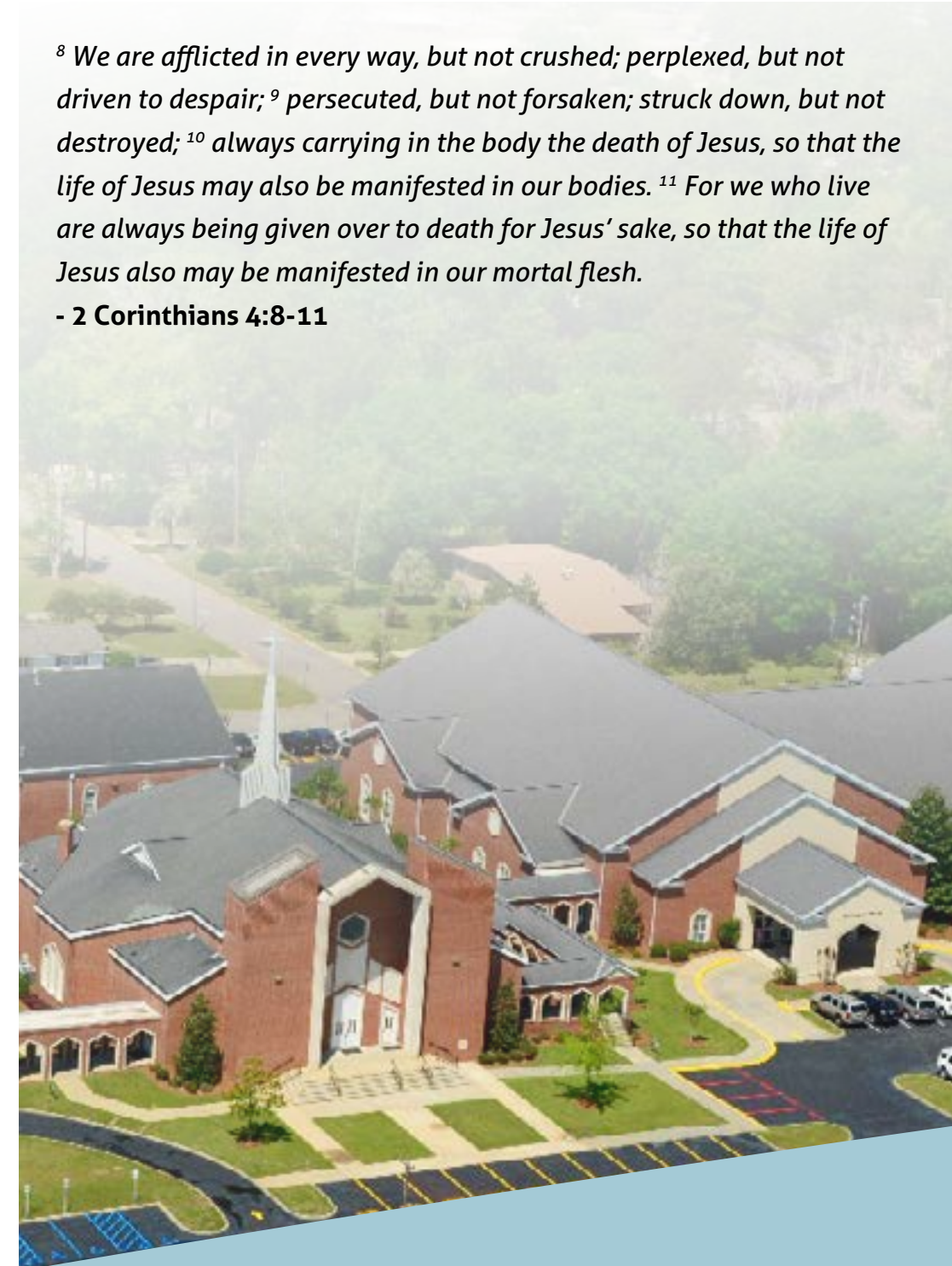
10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center

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.

⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹ For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

- 2 Corinthians 4:8-11



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BAPTIST CHURCH