

# Conversion and a Biblically Shaped Church

1 Timothy 1:8-17

## Part 1: The Law and Conversion (1 Timothy 1:8-11)

Premise: The Law is \_\_\_\_\_, until it is \_\_\_\_\_ and/or \_\_\_\_\_.

What makes the Law "good"?

Do we need the Law today (as Christians?)

The purpose of the Law is not to \_\_\_\_\_ the conduct of \_\_\_\_\_ people, but to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the conduct of \_\_\_\_\_ people.

Galatians 3:23-4:7 – The primary purpose of the law in Galatians: \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 7:7-25 – The primary purpose of the law in Romans: \_\_\_\_\_

The application of the Law should be used "in accordance with the Gospel" (v. 11)

How?

### Romans 8:3-4 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

\_\_\_\_\_ righteousness ...

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## Part 2: Transformation and Conversion (1 Timothy 1:12-17)

At the heart of conversion is the concept of \_\_\_\_\_.

We're *not* \_\_\_ according to the Bible. The Bible presents us as \_\_\_\_\_ in sin, the objects of God's righteous \_\_\_\_\_, and foolishly deceived into being \_\_\_\_\_ to sin. (Eph. 2:1-3, Col. 2:13, John 3:36, Titus 3:3)

This is our condition according to the Bible – *enslaved, condemned, and dead*. Clearly, change is needed.

The change we need is a \_\_\_\_\_ (Ez. 36:26-27, Rom. 3:19-20).

God's \_\_\_\_\_ is what makes change possible.

Our conversion comes at God's \_\_\_\_\_.

Our \_\_\_\_\_ is met by His gracious \_\_\_\_\_!

God's \_\_\_\_\_ is the catalyst to His grace!

His mercy reveals His \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_.

God shows mercy because of our \_\_\_\_\_ ...

God shows mercy because of His \_\_\_\_\_ ...

Conversion is a \_\_\_\_\_ work!

Conversion has two confirmations: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Some implications** of a right (i.e. biblical) understanding of conversion:

1) On me *personally*:

I didn't make a *decision*. I've been made a \_\_\_\_\_!

My life is marked by \_\_\_\_\_.

I have a new \_\_\_\_\_.

2) On me/us in *community*:

I became a \_\_\_\_\_ first. But then I became a \_\_\_\_\_.

I have a new (corporate) \_\_\_\_\_.

Thru \_\_\_\_\_, I/we ...

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3) On us in our *culture*:

Our lives are \_\_\_\_\_ from the world's ...

We are \_\_\_\_\_ to call sinners to repent of sin and trust in Christ ...

We \_\_\_\_\_ on God in all our efforts ...

**All to the glory of God!**

*Dr. Paul Thompson  
Calvary Baptist Church  
January 15, 2023*

## Member Meeting

Wednesday, January 25 | 6pm | Sanctuary

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

## Local Missions Opportunity

Fostering Hope Loads of Love Annual Drive | Deadline: January 31

Fostering Hope is a local ministry that comes alongside, ministers to, and supports local foster families. Calvary is collecting laundry detergent (liquid or pods for babies, sensitive skin, or regular) for Fostering Hope through Tuesday, January 31. Detergent can be dropped off in the church office or give online at [fosteringhopewiregrass.com](http://fosteringhopewiregrass.com).

## Women's Bible Study

Habakkuk: Learning to Live By Faith by Lydia Brownback

Habakkuk is a prophet with a very big and very relatable question for God: "Why?" Join us over these 11 weeks as we discover God's answer to Habakkuk and learn to apply the truths of this minor prophet to our own lives.

We will begin with a Kick-Off Night and book pick-up Sunday, February 5, immediately following evening service in the Chapel. This will be a brief intro to the book to set us up to begin homework and be ready for the first week's lesson. Cost is \$15. Register online at [calvarydothan.com/habakkuk](http://calvarydothan.com/habakkuk). Deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 22. Childcare is available for the Sunday afternoon class by registration only.

### Three time options available:

Sundays, beginning February 12, at 4:30pm in the Chapel led by Joy Whaley

Early Bird Tuesdays, beginning February 14, at 6am in the Parlor led by Sandra Hunt

Tuesdays, beginning February 14, at 9:30am in the Chapel led by Amanda Trammell

## Calvary Marriage Conference -The Marriage of Your Dreams

4 Sessions - January 8, 15, 22 & 29 | 5pm | Fellowship Center

Dream bigger, love better, and experience a deeper relationship with God and your spouse than ever before. After celebrating 50 years of marriage, pastor and counselor Paul Tripp will help you to discover how. Register online at [calvarydothan.com](http://calvarydothan.com). Childcare and activities for babies-5th grade are available with registration.

## Calvary Kids Upcoming Events

Dad and Kids Campout | February 24-25

Hey Dads, grab your tent and the kids (must be Grades 1-5) as we camp out at the Weatherly/Woodham Farm with an awesome afternoon, evening, and morning of fun. \$20 per family. Registration will open on our website next week; deadline is February 19.

## Vacation Bible School | June 5-9

One of the biggest and most fun weeks of the year! Volunteer registration opens in February. Kid registration opens Easter weekend.

## Camp Victory | June 12-16

Our Children's Director, Zach Daniels, is the Camp Pastor for this week at Camp Victory. This is an incredible summer camp experience for kids who have completed Grades 3-5. Registration opens on Wednesday, January 11. You can register through our website or directly through Camp Victory.

## Calvary Kids Volunteer Opportunities

Church family, as we get into this New Year, there are tremendous opportunities to join our team in making disciples among our 1st-5th grade boys and girls.

### Life Group | Sundays at 8:30am

We are looking for two teachers to teach 1st grade, and two teachers to teach 4th grade. In addition to these primary openings, we have openings to serve as substitute teachers.

### Kids Worship | Sundays at 10:00am

This is a kid-friendly worship experience for our 1st-5th graders. We are looking for people to serve on a rotation schedule to help manage and lead this service. If you're a church member and you are interested in these opportunities, we'd love to have a conversation with you. Email, [zach@calvarydothan.com](mailto:zach@calvarydothan.com) or call/text 334.733.6326.

## What Is Church Membership?

Answer: It's a declaration of citizenship in Christ's kingdom. It's a passport. It's an announcement made in the pressroom of Christ's kingdom. It's the declaration that a professing individual is an official, licensed, card-carrying, *bona fide* Jesus representative.

More concretely, church membership is a formal relationship between a local church and a Christian characterized by the church's affirmation and oversight of a Christian's discipleship and the Christian's submission to living out his or her discipleship in the care of the church.

Notice that several elements are present:

- a church body formally *affirms* an individual's profession of faith and baptism as credible;
- it promises *to give oversight* to that individual's discipleship;
- the individual formally *submits* his or her discipleship to the service and authority of this body and its leaders.

The church body says to the individual, "We recognize your profession of faith, baptism, and discipleship to Christ as valid. Therefore, we publicly *affirm* and acknowledge you before the nations as belonging to Christ, and we extend the *oversight* of our fellowship." Principally, the individual says to the church body, "Insofar as I recognize you as a faithful, gospel-declaring church, I *submit* my presence and my discipleship to your love and oversight."

The standards for church membership should be no higher or lower than the standards for being a Christian, with one exception. A Christian is someone who has repented and believed, and that's who churches should affirm as members. The only additional requirement is baptism. Church members must be baptized, a pattern that is uniform in the New Testament. Peter said to the crowds in Jerusalem, "Repent and be baptized" (Acts 2:38). And Paul, writing the church in Rome, simply assumes that everyone who belongs to the Roman church has been baptized (Rom. 6:1-3).

Church membership, in other words, is not about "additional requirements." It's about a church taking specific responsibility for a Christian, and a Christian for a church. It's about "putting on," "embodying," "living out," and "making concrete" our membership in Christ's universal body. In some ways, the union which constitutes a local church and its members is like the "I do" of a marriage ceremony, which is why some refer to church membership as a "covenant."

It's true that a Christian must choose to join a church, but that does not make it a voluntary organization. Having chosen Christ, a Christian has no choice but to choose to join a church.

This article is excerpted from *Church Discipline: How the Church Protects the name of Jesus* (Crossway, 2012).

By Jonathan Leeman

## 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

January 15, 2023

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.

## January 15, 2023

### January Missions Spotlight

#### Joe and Andie Carroll Erbil Baptist Church, Kurdistan

The Carroll's seek to serve the members of Erbil Baptist Church by encouraging them to be bold in their witness, and have wisdom to seek the salvation of their family, friends, and neighbors. They are also working towards the planting of a Kurdish-speaking church in this region. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of Joe and Andie, you can visit [erbilbaptist.church](http://erbilbaptist.church). Also, if you would like to know how to pray for the Carroll's, please pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

#### Wiregrass Hope (Local Missions Partner)

The mission of Wiregrass Hope is to share the hope of Christ, promote human life, and care for people through pregnancy resources, biblical counseling, and relationship education. Their vision is to build a healthy community where individuals and families value life and thrive because of the love and grace of Christ. If you would like to know more about the ministry work of Wiregrass Hope, you can visit [facebook.com/wiregrasshopegroup](https://facebook.com/wiregrasshopegroup) or [wiregrasshope.com](http://wiregrasshope.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...

#### January 8

10:00 Worship: 646  
5:00 Marriage Conference: 174  
Life Group: 536  
Hispanic Church: 131  
Neighborhood Church (NY): 30

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

#### General Fund

Given December 26-31: \$113,825.83  
2022 Y-T-D Budget Surplus: \$129,498.89  
Given January 8: \$31,723.69  
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
Given to Date: \$156,311

### 5-DAY BIBLE READING PROGRAM

#### January 15-21

- Genesis 28-29, Mark 11
- Genesis 30-31, Psalm 11, Mark 12
- Genesis 32-34, Psalm 145, Mark 13
- Genesis 35-37, Psalm 12, Mark 14
- Genesis 38-40, Mark 15

### Midweek Schedule

6:00pm Midweek Worship, Fellowship Ctr  
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/](http://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](http://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, January 15:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

#### Saturday, January 21:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

#### Sunday, January 22:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

### SERMON SCHEDULE

#### Wednesday, January 18 | 6pm

*The Ten Words of Our Fearful God, Part 1*

Exodus 20

Message by Paul Thompson

#### Sunday, January 22 | 10am

*Perseverance and a Biblically Shaped Church*

1 Timothy 1:18-20

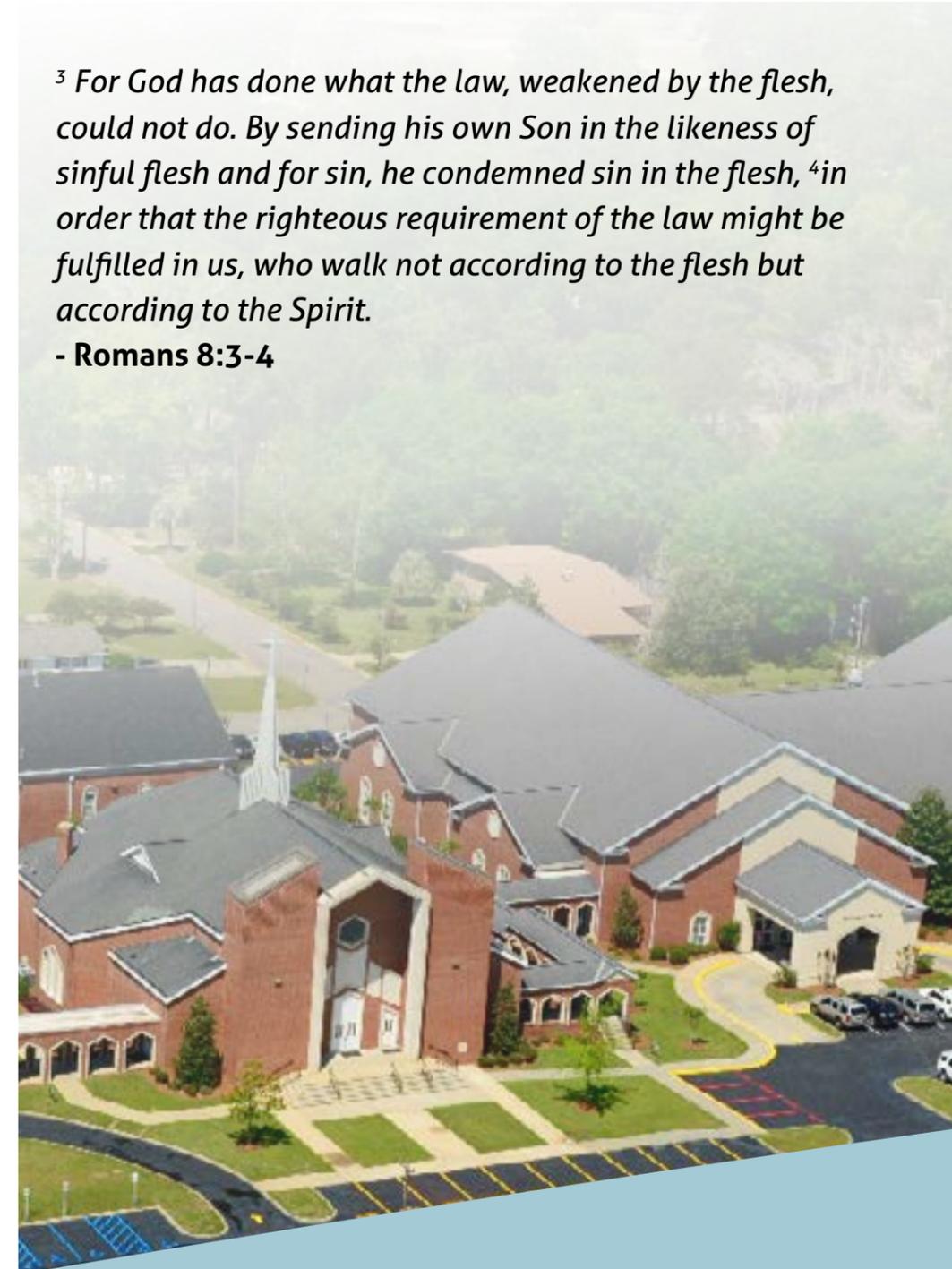
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### Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am Call to Prayer, Parlor  
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.

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- Romans 8:3-4



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