

## The Normal Christian Life is a Gospel Life

Titus 2:11-15

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

<sup>15</sup> Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

### Context ...

... that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior. (Titus 2:9)

There is a way to live that shows the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel!

### Grace that Saves

The appearance of \_\_\_\_\_ is the appearance of \_\_\_\_\_! (2 Timothy 1:9-10)

*Understanding the "all" of Titus 2:11 (See also: 1 Timothy 4:9-10):*

### Grace that Teaches

Grace teaches us to say "\_\_\_\_" to \_\_\_\_\_, ungodly living.

Grace teaches us to say "\_\_\_\_" to \_\_\_\_\_, godly living.

Grace teaches us to \_\_\_\_\_ patiently, expectantly, and joyfully for Christ's return.

### Our Salvation – More Than Forgiveness

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us from sin's \_\_\_\_\_ over us.

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us from the world's \_\_\_\_\_ on us ...

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us as \_\_\_\_\_ agents of \_\_\_\_\_.

### So, we should expect to be ...

\_\_\_\_\_ – so that we \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel.

\_\_\_\_\_ – to press on faithfully for God's glory and the reward of Christ!

\_\_\_\_\_ – so that when we \_\_\_\_\_, we can be quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ-centered living.

### Conclusion – Future Grace and our Blessed Hope

The ground of our assurance in Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ was Christ's \_\_\_\_\_.

He who appeared before – though "veiled" – will appear again - unveiled!

A great \_\_\_\_\_ is Christ's certain return!

Since His return is sure, how should I be living \_\_\_\_\_?

*Dr. Paul Thompson  
Calvary Baptist Church  
June 25, 2023*

### Wiregrass Hope Baby Bottle Fundraiser

As a congregation we were able to raise \$1,303.08 for Wiregrass Hope Group. This is an increase from last year and they are extremely thankful for your generosity! Please consider, if you don't already, how you can support this gospel-centered ministry with your time and resources.

### SABA Thee Store Needs Donations

The Southeast Alabama Baptist Association Thee Store is in need of summer clothing. Funds generated from Thee Store sales help to purchase food and provide assistance to the needy in the Houston County area. Donations are accepted Tuesday-Friday, 9am-3pm and Saturday, 9am-1pm and can be dropped off at 1306 Ross Clark Circle.

### Join the Worship Team!

If you are a singer and/or a musician and are interested in using your gifts to serve the church, this invitation is for you! We promise to train and equip you. All we ask is that you are humble and teachable. If you have questions, contact Rebekah McLure at rebekah@calvarydothan.com.

### Interested in Playing Handbells?

Our Worship Ministry is planning to start handbells back this fall! If you or someone you know is interested in participating, please email rebekah@calvarydothan.com. We will be working on music for the Christmas season.

### Pray for Our Upcoming Mission Trips

#### Oregon | June 23-July 1

Bill & Joyce Alexander                      Randy & Sandra Hunt

Brenda Breedlove                              Judi Lindey

Elizabeth Hunt                                 Sharon Parrish

### Member Meeting

Wednesday, June 28 | Sanctuary

**All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting at 6:45pm at the end of the Midweek service.**

### Family Night at Water World

Sunday, July 23 | 5:30-7:30 pm | \$5 per person

Don't miss our annual Calvary Family Night at Water World! Concession stand in the park will be open.

### Summer at Calvary - Midweek

6pm      Midweek Bible Study, Sanctuary - *Not meeting July 5*

Birth-K5, Preschool Building

Grades 1-5, Kids Worship Room

Grades 6-12, Student Room

### Summer at Calvary - Sundays

8am      Call to Prayer, Parlor - *Not meeting July 2*

8:30am   Life Group & Open Classes - *No Life Group & Open Classes on July 2*

10am     Worship, Fellowship Center - *Will meet in the Sanctuary on July 2*

Kids Worship, Grades 1-5, Kids Worship Room - *except 1st Sunday*

*No Kids Worship in July*

No Sunday Night Family Worship on July 2

### Why Do Christians Need to Hear the Gospel Every Day?

Some people believe that the gospel is only useful for evangelism—a message only unbelievers need to hear. Yet the Bible teaches that followers of Jesus need to continue hearing the gospel even after they are born again. Christians should meditate on the gospel every day in their personal Bible reading, and pastors should preach the gospel in every sermon. We regularly need to hear about the life, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, as well as the call to repent of our sins and turn to Jesus in faith.

Here are eight reasons we need to hear gospel truths every day:

1. **To evoke praise and thanks to God.** God our Father is the one who should be in the news headlines each day. Rather than taking his incredible saving works on our behalf for granted, we should daily meditate on what he has done in Christ and offer up to him the worship and thanksgiving of which he is so deserving (Romans 11:33–36; Revelation 5).
2. **To remind us of our identity in Christ.** Hearing the gospel each day and each week focuses us on Christ (Col. 3:1–4; 1 Cor. 15:1–11). We easily forget who Christ truly is and who we are in him. The good news clears away the fog of forgetfulness and reminds us of what God has done in history and in his people.
3. **To sustain us.** Meditating on God's Word and gospel truths roots our faith, makes us fruitful, feeds us, waters us, grows us, and keeps us firm through trials (Psalm 1; John 6:22–59; Jude 20–21).
4. **To keep us from sin.** The gospel sanctifies us because through it we grow in love for our Father, and we desire to please him with our life. The gospel is a greater treasure than temporary gratification, a greater pleasure than sin to enjoy. Knowing that there is no good thing we can do that would make God love us more in Christ frees us to love and obey him rather than to take advantage of His grace (see all of Romans 6).
5. **To motivate us to do good works.** The resurrection of Jesus Christ frees us to spend our lives no longer for ourselves but for those around us (Tit. 2:11–14; Eph. 2:1–10).
6. **To protect us from despair.** No sin we commit makes God love us less. The gospel frees us from despair. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ, which was shown to us through the gospel of the Cross (Rom. 8:31–39).
7. **To encourage others around us.** When we're reminded of the gospel, we are more prone to share a word of encouragement with others throughout the day. This encouragement in turn builds them up in the gospel and ministers truth to their hearts (2 Tim. 2:1–7).
8. **To beat down our pride.** A sober reflection on our sin and what God has done for us in the gospel destroys our pride and cultivates a spirit of humility before the Lord and others (John 3:16, 5:24; Tit. 3:1–7).

### By Cameron Smart

*Cameron Smart is a church planter in Central Asia.*

### 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

June 25, 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

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

## June 25, 2023

### June Missions Spotlight

#### Joe and Andi Carroll (Global Missions Partner)

The Carrolls 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 as well as starting a school to open this Fall. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of Joe and Andi you can visit [erbilbaptist.church](http://erbilbaptist.church). If you would like to know how to pray for the Carrolls, please pick up a prayer card at the mission's kiosk in the FC foyer.

#### Dare to Hope (Local Missions Partner)

Dare to Hope is a ministry bringing the hope of Jesus Christ to women who are hurting and hopeless due to exploitation. They serve those who are at risk of exploitation and exist to provide spiritual and emotional support as well as practical solutions that foster healing and wholeness for women leading them from vulnerability to stability. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of Dare to Hope you can visit [daretohope.net](http://daretohope.net). Prayer needs can be found on prayer cards at the mission's kiosk in the FC foyer.

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### THE PEOPLE CAME...

#### June 18

Life Group: 497  
10:00 Worship: 629  
Hispanic Church: 132  
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

#### General Fund

Given June 18: \$41,318.52  
Y-T-D Budget  
Surplus (Deficit): (\$97,802.95)

### 5-DAY BIBLE READING PROGRAM

#### Week 26, June 25-July 1

- 1 Kings 6; 2 Chron 3; 1 Timothy 1
- 1 Kings 7; 2 Chron 4; Psalm 44; 1 Tim 2
- 1 Kings 8; Psalm 30; 1 Timothy 3
- 2 Chron 5-7; Psalm 121; 1 Timothy 4
- 1 Kings 9; 2 Chron 8; 1 Timothy 5

### 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

### I'm New Here



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.

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code or you can fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin and place it in the offering plate or in one of the offering boxes when you exit the Fellowship Center.

Also, be sure to stop by our Next Steps table after the service for a gift from us!

### 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, June 25:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

#### Saturday, July 1:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

#### Sunday, July 2:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

### SERMON SCHEDULE

#### Wednesday, June 28 | 10am

Worship and Obedience

Exodus 36

Message by Paul Thompson

#### Sunday, July 2 | 10am

The Normal Christian Life

Is A Good Life

Titus 3:1-15

Message by Paul Thompson

### Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am Call to Prayer, Parlor

8:30am Life Group/Open Classes

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.

"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

- Isaiah 45:22



WELCOME TO  
**Calvary**  
BAPTIST CHURCH