

The Normal Christian Life is a *Good Life*

Titus 3:3-12

The Onset of the “Good Life” – The Decisive Power of the Goodness of God (3:3-7a)

Never forget these three essential words: _____!

Why?

1) Who we _____ (Or still _____*)

We were _____, mentally and morally.

We were _____ to our own broken desires.

We were _____ and destructive to others.

We were caught in a reciprocal cycle of _____.

(And these things were/are true of us whether we recognize them or not!)*

2) Who He _____

He is _____, even to the “ungrateful and the wicked” (Luke 6:35)

He is _____ towards all humanity (“philanthropia”, v. 4).

He is _____ towards the helpless and hopeless.

He is _____ towards the guilty and underserving.

(And these things are true of Him whether we recognize Him or not!)

How?

“Through Jesus Christ our Savior”! (1 Timothy 2:6; 2 Timothy 1:10; Titus 2:11, 14)

Virgin birth

Sinless life

Sacrificial death

Physical resurrection

The Goal of the Good Life – Our Good and Sure Inheritance (3:7b-8a)

Our “best life” will never be here and now. It is impossible (unless we are *unsaved*). God would never allow this world – or anything in it – to be an _____, substituting for or supplanting Him.

If we are His, our best life is certainly *yet to come!* Here and now, we have a _____. Then and there, we will have _____ that God has promised His own.

The Evidence of the Good Life – The Good Works of the Redeemed (3:8)

We are not saved ____ good works, but we are saved _____ good works.

God doesn’t need my good works. (Romans 11:35-36) and I don’t “need” them (Titus 3:5).

So, who does? (Titus 3:8)

Some Enemies of the Good Life (3:9-11)

Whatever is foolish ...

Whatever is frivolous ...

Whatever is fruitless ...

And a final warning about and to the divisive ...

A fitting conclusion for us all:

¹⁴ *And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.*

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
July 2, 2023

Sock Donations Needed for Kenya Mission Trip

The Kenya mission team is collecting clean used or new knee socks. Socks can be dropped off in the Fellowship Center foyer on Sundays or in the church office during the week. Deadline is Sunday, July 16.

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 us for our Christmas Reveal party!

We invite anyone interested in joining the worship ministry to attend this time of fellowship. We will listen to our upcoming Christmas music and enjoy a time of fellowship. Whether you are a part of, or interested in joining the choir, band, praise team or tech team, join us on Wednesday, August 9, 7-8:30pm in the Parlor. We ask that you bring your favorite dessert and make it “Christmassy”!

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.

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.

Meaningful Membership

Sunday, July 30 | 1-5pm | Office Conference Room

If you are interested in knowing more about Calvary or would like to join and are not able to attend four Sunday morning classes, join us for this intense 4-hour class. All the material will be covered in this one class. Childcare will be available with a reservation.

Summer at Calvary - Midweek

No Midweek Activities on July 5

6pm Midweek Bible Study, Sanctuary

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

A Prayer for Our Nation

13 years ago, R.C. Sproul was in a discussion about the National Day of Prayer during a session of his program *Renewing Your Mind*.

He discussed the importance of praying for our country and our leaders and noted how many ecumenical groups and denominations cluster around this national event with a variety of incompatible theological commitments. Those differences notwithstanding, we should pray for our country often and we should pray that the freedom to do so is not taken from us. We should pray that our leaders will lead with grace, honor and truth. May righteousness prevail in our hearts and theirs.

R.C. took a moment to encourage his listeners in intercessory prayer for the nation and its leaders, and offered this prayer. We wanted to share that moving prayer with you:

Our Father and our God, indeed You are our God, and Your sovereignty extends over all things. That as God, Your relevance and Your dominion can never be restricted merely to the realm of the spiritual or the religious, but that Your sovereignty extends over all creation, over every aspect of our life and of our culture, over our government, over our church, over our schools, over our health, over our wealth, over our thinking, our planning, and our crying. And so we, as Your people, are pleading with You to have mercy upon us, to give us leaders who have a regard for You, who will regard Your name as holy, and who will understand that in whatever office they hold, they are to be Your servants, for You have ordained them. And we ask that You would bring new life to Your church and that we may begin our repentance at our own house and in our own churches as we plead with You to have mercy upon us as a nation, as a people, as a culture that the light of Christ may be rekindled with great glory and intense brightness in our land, and that there would be a revival of a knowledge of Thee without which our land will mourn and our people will perish. And we ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Taken from: <https://www.ligonier.org/posts/sproul-national-day-prayer>

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

July 2, 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 _____

Name / Date of Birth _____

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Name / Date of Birth _____

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

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July Missions Spotlight

Moses O. Odhiambo, Echoes of Mercy Mission (Global Missions Partner)

Echoes of Mercy exists to evangelize and disciple others through church planting and leadership, as well as through a number of mercy ministries including widow care, education, and healthcare. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of Echoes of Mercy, visit facebook.com/eomkenya or echoesofmercy.org.

The Harbor (Local Missions Partner)

The Harbor's mission is to transform the heart of Dothan through the transforming love and power of Jesus. The Scriptures are their guide as they seek to serve all those in need, physically and spiritually. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work at The Harbor, you can visit theharbordothan.org or visit facebook.com/theharbordothan. Prayer needs for The Harbor can be found on prayer cards at the mission's kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

June 25

Life Group: 492
10:00 Worship: 611
Hispanic Church: 130
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given June 25: \$36,294.47
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): (\$97,802.95)

5-DAY BIBLE READING PROGRAM

Week 27, July 2-8

- 1 Kings 10-11; 2 Chron 9; 1 Timothy 6
- Ecclesiastes 1-3; Psalm 45; 2 Tim 1
- Eccl 4-6; Psalm 125; 2 Timothy 2
- Eccl 7-9; Psalm 46; 2 Timothy 3
- Eccl 10-12; 2 Timothy 4

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/.

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, July 2:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Saturday, July 8:

Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191

Sunday, July 9:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 5

No Midweek Activities

Sunday, July 9 | 10am

Surviving Babylon: 4 Lessons from Exile

Resolve Not to Compromise

Daniel 1:8

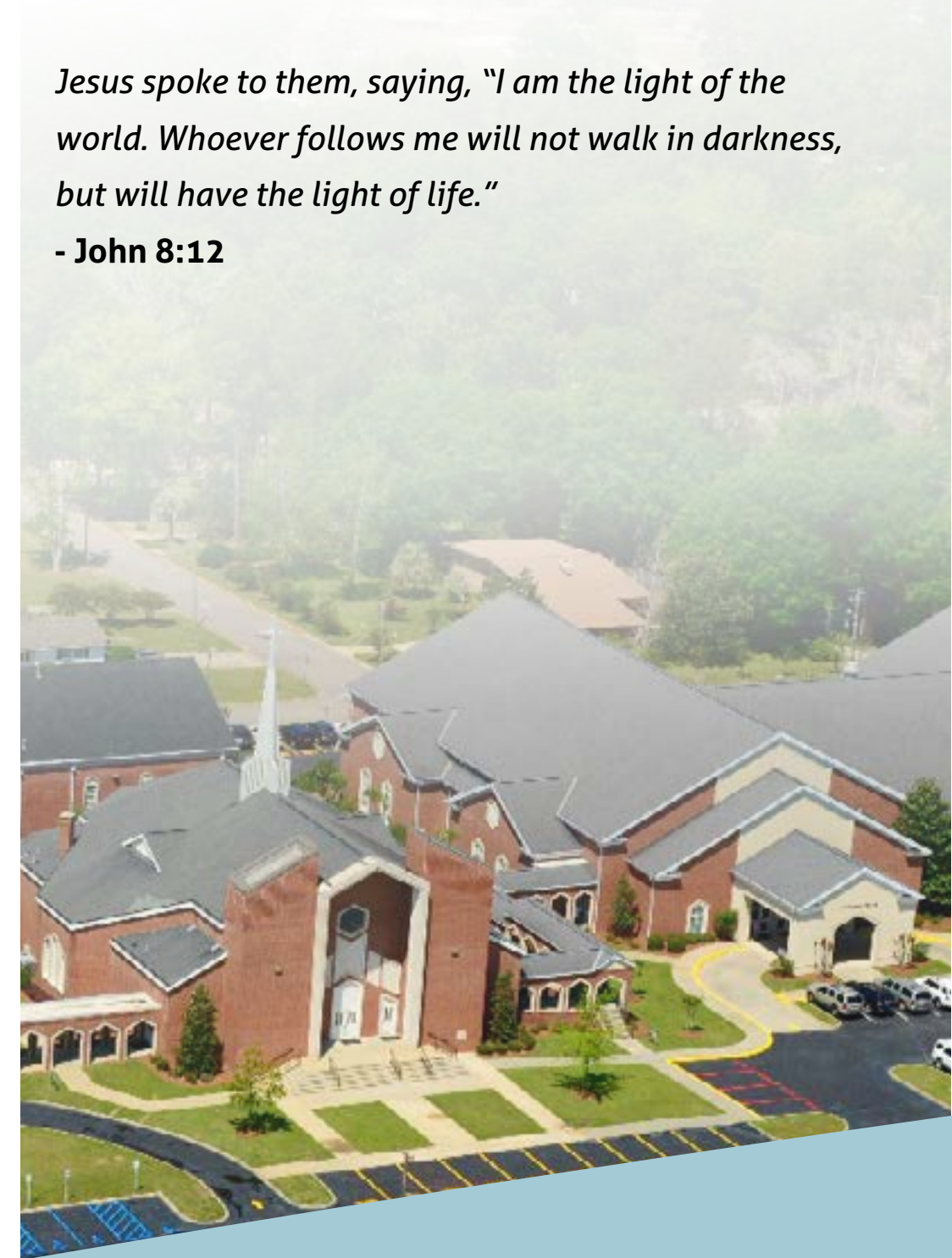
Message by Paul Thompson

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.

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

- John 8:12



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH