

Jesus: Condemned, Yet Innocent

Isaiah 53:7-9

When you look on the suffering of Jesus, what do you see?

Jesus is the _____ of the Father’s _____ and the Father’s _____, both of which are _____ and _____.

Jesus is the _____ for the sinner, bearing the full weight of the righteous _____ which we deserved, and affording us the _____ we don’t possess nor could achieve.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God ... (1 Pet. 3:18)

How?

By becoming our _____ ...

“... *the blood is the life ...*” (Deut. 12:23b)

“... *without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.*” (Heb. 9:22b)

“... *with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.*” (1 Pet. 1:19)

By being our _____ ...

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29)

Now look more closely ...

Is he merely a man?

Is he then God, pretending to be a man?

Or is he the one and only God-man?

Why this distinction matters (a lot):

The Father is not _____ the Son in our salvation. God works in perfect _____ to save us.

¹⁷ *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.* ¹⁸ *All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;* ¹⁹ *that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. (2 Cor. 5:17-19)*

“*The Father did not lay on the Son an ordeal he was reluctant to bear, nor did the Son extract from the Father a salvation he was reluctant to bestow.*” (John Stott, *The Cross of Christ*)

The Son is neither _____ alone or _____ alone but the true _____ who alone can mediate for us.

“*In order to save us in such a way as to satisfy himself, God through Christ substituted himself for us. Divine love triumphed over divine wrath by divine self-sacrifice. The cross was an act simultaneously of punishment and amnesty, severity and grace, justice and mercy.*” (Stott)

Now look at yourself in light of the cross of Christ ...

Will you acknowledge the seriousness of your own sin and the magnitude of God’s grace? And in seeing both, will you humbly repent and receive mercy?

Or will you choose the only alternative to the cross?

Apart from the cross, there is no hope for forgiveness, reconciliation, or life. _____ is all that’s left.

How will you respond?

Sunday, December 10

10am Worship

Scripture Reading, Parent-Child Dedication & Prayer of Supplication Joyce Alexander
Psalm 127:3-5

³ *Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.* ⁴ *Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.* ⁵ *Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.*

The Great Pursuit..... Lottie Moon Video

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thankfulness.....Key Mahone
Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ *Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,* ⁶ *who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,* ⁷ *but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.* ⁸ *And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.* ⁹ *Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,* ¹⁰ *so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,* ¹¹ *and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Offering

Worthy of Your Name

Message Paul Thompson
Jesus: Condemned, Yet Innocent
Isaiah 53:7-9

At The Cross

Elder Nomination

Benediction Paul Thompson
Romans 6:8-11

⁸ *Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.* ⁹ *We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.* ¹⁰ *For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.* ¹¹ *So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

5pm Worship

It's Christmas Medley..... Preschool Choir

Scripture Reading & Corporate Prayer Charles Uptain
Ezekiel 36:26-28

²⁶ *And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.* ²⁷ *And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.* ²⁸ *You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.*

Isaiah-9-6-7.....Kids Choir

Responsive Reading.....Kids Choir

Hard The Herald Angels Sing

In Christ Alone

Nicene Creed & Message Paul Thompson
A Nicene Christmas: We Believe In the Holy Spirit

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Fellowship in the Fellowship Center immediately following service

Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions

Calvary's Goal: \$150,000

Every penny of this offering is used to support Southern Baptist missionaries as they share the hope and grace we have in Jesus Christ.

Give a gift to support Gospel work for special needs students

One of our global missions partners located in South Asia is CV Vadavana. CV oversees a special needs ministry for students known as Justin’s Home. We have the opportunity this Christmas to bless this ministry by sponsoring and praying for a student(s) or donating toward a resource needed for this special school. Grab an ornament from the Christmas trees displayed in the ROC lobby and scan the QR code to participate.

Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!

You donated 366 shoesboxes for Operation Christmas Child this year!

2023 Contributions

Contributions for 2023 must be turned in to the Sunday offering by Sunday, December 31, postmarked by December 31, or brought to the church office by Friday, December 22. The church office will be closed December 25-29.

Ten Minutes Each Day Will Change Your Life

The Bible is a big book. But reading the Bible for just ten minutes a day will radically change your life. Where should you begin reading? There are plenty of Bible reading plans that make it easy. Below are a few that we think are helpful.

5x5x5 Bible Reading Plan (Beginner)

This plan allows you to read the entire New Testament in a year by reading for five minutes a day five times a week. With each reading there are five suggestions for how you can dig deeper into the passage and apply it to your life. [web.archive.org/web/20131207190241/http://www.navpress.com/uploadedFiles/5x5x5_BRP.pdf](http://www.navpress.com/uploadedFiles/5x5x5_BRP.pdf)

Discipleship Journal Bible Reading Plan (Intermediate)

This plan takes you through the entire Bible in a year by reading four small sections each day. Each month has only 25 days of reading so that you don't get behind if you miss a day. This is the plan that we will include each week in our Sunday bulletin. [navigators.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/navigators-bible-reading-plan.pdf](http://www.calvarybaptistchurch.com/content/uploads/2021/12/navigators-bible-reading-plan.pdf)

Robert Murray McCheyne's Bible Reading Plan (Challenging)

McCheyne was a godly Scottish pastor in the 19th century who created a challenging Bible reading plan for his own use. This plan takes the reader through the New Testament and Psalms twice and the rest of the Old Testament once each year. [mcheyne.info/calendar.pdf](http://www.mcheyne.info/calendar.pdf)

So ... choose a plan, determine a time, pray for God's help, and read! Don't get discouraged if you don't understand something right away. Keep a pen and paper nearby to write down questions you have as you read. Ask a small group leader or a pastor to help answer your questions, or better yet, find someone to regularly discuss your Bible reading with as a way to have some accountability.

Want to hear God speak to you this year? Read the Scriptures!

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

December 10, 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)

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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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December Missions Spotlight

Northeastern Baptist College (Bennington, Vermont)

Northeastern seeks to impact the Northeast, the United States, and the world by training students to have the mind of a scholar, the heart of a shepherd, and the perseverance of a soldier through the provision of a college education with a biblical foundation and a distinctive blend of academic excellence and practical mentoring. NEBC provides an academically strong, biblically sound, and practically relevant college education from their campus strategically located in the Northeast. If you would like to learn more about their ministry work, you can visit nebcvt.org. Also, if you would like to know how to pray for NEBC, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

The Ark (Local Missions Partner)

The Ark is a place of hope, healing, and help. Their mission is to nurture the total needs of humanity—mind, body, and soul. They are committed to guide individuals so that they can discover their God-given purpose and live out that very purpose. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work at The Ark, you can visit thearkdothan.org or visit facebook.com/thearkdothan/. Prayer needs for The Ark can be found on prayer cards at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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December Holiday Schedule & Events

Sunday, December 10

Kids Choir sing in PM service
Fellowship following PM service

Sunday, December 24

Life Groups & Open Classes | 8:30am
AM Worship | 10am | Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Service | 5pm | Fellowship Center

Open Classes

The purpose of Open Classes is to teach biblical doctrine across the spectrum of Christian life, create environments where members can interact with as many members as possible, develop and train teachers of biblical doctrine, and train members to pass along what they learn.

For a complete list of the current Open Classes offered, go to calvarydothan.com/open-classes/.

THE PEOPLE CAME...

December 3

Life Group: 435
10:00 Worship: 595
5:00 Worship: 165
Hispanic Church: 134
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given December 3: \$83,374.43
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): (\$152,738.47)

5-DAY BIBLE READING PROGRAM

Week 50, December 10-16

- Nehemiah 10-13; Revelation 8
- Malachi; Psalm 2; Revelation 9
- Job 1-3; Psalm 29; Revelation 10
- Job 4-7; Psalm 99; Revelation 11
- Job 8-11; Revelation 12

Sunday Schedule

8:30am Life Groups & 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.
5:00pm Family Worship, Sanctuary
Childcare for Babies-K3

Wednesday, December 27

No Midweek Activities

Sunday, December 31

Life Groups & Open Classes | 8:30am
AM Worship | 10am | Sanctuary
NO PM Service

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, December 10:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

Saturday, December 16:

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Sunday, December 17:

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 17

10am

Jesus: Crushed, Yet Victorious
Isaiah 53:10-12
Message by Paul Thompson

5pm

A Nicene Christmas:
We Believe in the Church
Ephesians 2:19-22
Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday Schedule

6:00pm Open Classes, D-Groups, Life Groups
Birth-K5, Preschool Bldg
Grades 1-5, Chapel
Grades 6-12, Student Room
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir 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 AM sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/messages.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

– Hebrews 12:1-2



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BAPTIST CHURCH