

# The Attitude of the Acquitted

Matthew 5:7

The **progression** of the Beatitudes so far ...

<sup>3</sup> *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

<sup>4</sup> *“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

<sup>5</sup> *“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

**The tipping point is in verse 6:** A deep desire to \_\_\_ right and to \_\_\_ what is right ...

<sup>6</sup> *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

When we recognize our deepest need, mourn over our sins, and are genuinely humbled to the point where we finally want for ourselves \_\_\_\_\_, we are ready for God to do a work of \_\_\_\_\_ in us.

God promises to \_\_\_\_\_ a desire for righteousness. That’s where real \_\_\_\_\_ begins.

The first \_\_\_\_\_ of that change is this:

<sup>7</sup> *“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*

What is biblical **mercy**?

*“Mercy is a melting disposition whereby we lay to heart the miseries of others and are ready on all occasions to be instrumental for their good.”* (Thomas Watson, 1660)

*“Mercy is God’s relieving love poured out upon man in deep misery and trouble.”* (John Bunyan)

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What does mercy **do**?

It gives grace to the \_\_\_\_\_ and mercy to the \_\_\_\_\_!

Mercy \_\_\_\_\_ with the plight of the hurting.

This is our *internal* response. We \_\_\_\_\_ something for them.

Mercy \_\_\_\_\_ the pitiable situation with real help.

This is our *external* response. We \_\_\_\_\_ something for them.

We ...

... \_\_\_\_\_ the suffering of sinners (and those sinned against) where and how we can.

... \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves in costly service to those in need (without regard to repayment).

... \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ debt (as Christ has done for us).

A model of biblical mercy: **the Good Samaritan**

*Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.*

*So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.*

*But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’*

*Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?”*

*He said, “**The one who showed him mercy.**” And Jesus said to him, “**You go, and do likewise.**”*

1 wrong interpretation of Matthew 5:7:

“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

2 correct interpretations:

If we have no mercy towards those in need (pain, suffering, distress, loss, etc.), we are not \_\_\_\_\_.

(1 John 3:17)

If we refuse to exercise mercy by extending \_\_\_\_\_ we are not Christians. (Matt 6:14-15; 18:32-35, James 2:13)

Mercy marks those who truly are \_\_\_\_\_.

A lack of mercy marks those who are \_\_\_\_\_.

And remember, what our Lord \_\_\_\_\_ of us, He \_\_\_\_\_ to us!

**My obedient response today:**

*Dr. Paul Thompson  
Calvary Baptist Church  
April 7, 2024*

# Sunday, April 7

## 10am Worship

*I'm Going Free (Jailbreak)*

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Praise ..... Patrick Lima

Psalm 119:44-48

<sup>44</sup> *I will keep your law continually, forever and ever,* <sup>45</sup> *and I shall walk in a wide place, for I have sought your precepts.* <sup>46</sup> *I will also speak of your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame,* <sup>47</sup> *for I find my delight in your commandments, which I love.* <sup>48</sup> *I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes.*

*Everlasting God*

Isaiah 40:28-31

<sup>28</sup> *Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.* <sup>29</sup> *He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.* <sup>30</sup> *Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;* <sup>31</sup> *but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*

*Lamb Of God*

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving..... Dan Tankersley

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

<sup>3</sup> *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,* <sup>4</sup> *who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*

Offering

*Hallelujah What A Savior (Man of Sorrows)*

Message ..... Paul Thompson

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Matthew 5:7

*It Is Well With My Soul*

Benediction ..... Steven Wilson

Deuteronomy 7:9

<sup>9</sup> *Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,*

## 5pm Worship

Baptism ..... Reagan Farris

Missions Report..... Tommy Perry

*His Mercy Is More*

*10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)*

Message ..... Paul Thompson

The Father of Mercies

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Lord's Supper

*He Leadeth Me*

Member Meeting

## Member Meeting

**Sunday, April 7 | PM Service**

All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting at the end of the 5pm worship service.

## Cake and Dessert Auction

**Sunday, April 14 | ROC Lobby**

Join us after worship for an auction to raise funds for student camp this summer.

If you would like to donate a homemade cake or dessert, please call the church office or email brooke@calvarydothan.com.



## Parent's Date Night

**Friday, April 19 | 5:30-9pm**

**Babies-5th Grade | Cost: \$5 per Child**

Register your kids online with the QR code and plan a date for you and your spouse! Dinner will be provided for the kids.

## Joy Prom

**Sunday, April 28 | 5-7:30pm | Fellowship Center**

Joy Prom is a full-scaled prom designed for people ages 13 and older with developmental or physical impairments. Participants can register online at [calvarydothan.com/joyprom](http://calvarydothan.com/joyprom).

Volunteers are also needed. Childcare is available for volunteers.

## High School Senior Recognition Sunday

**Sunday, May 19**

If you are a graduating high school senior, please email your pictures and letter to brooke@calvarydothan.com. RSVP for lunch by April 28.

## The Great Jungle Journey VBS

VBS will take place June 3-7 from 8:30am-12noon. Every day our kids are bombarded with questions: Did God really create everything? Why do bad things happen? Was Noah’s ark real? Why do I need to be saved? Can I trust the Bible? At this VBS, your kids will explore the biblical answers to these questions as they set off on an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation. Amid sloths, butterflies, river dolphins, and dart frogs, your children will sail along on a fun jungle cruise. Prepare to swing into fun as we head out on *The Great Jungle Journey!* Child and volunteer registration are open! Visit [calvarydothan.com/VBS](http://calvarydothan.com/VBS) for more information.

## Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

**Calvary's Goal: \$40,000**

Your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:

— Support nearly 3,000 missionaries and their families.

— Enable hundreds of churches to be planted and thousands of disciples to be made.

— Continue the SBC's 179-year commitment to North American missions.

## 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

April 7, 2024

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

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### April 7, 2024

#### April 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. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of Joe and Andi, visit [erbilbaptist.church](http://erbilbaptist.church). If you would like to know how to pray for the Carrolls, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center 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, visit [daretohope.net](http://daretohope.net). Prayer needs can be found on prayer cards at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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#### THE PEOPLE CAME...

March 31

Life Group: 519  
 10:00 Worship: 993  
 5:00 Worship: n/a  
 Hispanic Church: 135  
 Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

#### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given March 31: \$43,977.16  
 Given Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): \$5,689.52  
*as of 02/29/24*  
 Annie Armstrong Offering  
 Y-T-D: \$36,115

#### NAVIGATORS BIBLE READING PLAN

April 7-13

- Mark 2:18-28, 1 Cor 6:1-11, Ps 78:1-39, Josh 15-17
- Mark 3:1-19, 1 Cor 6:12-20, Ps 78:40-72, Josh 18-19
- Mark 3:20-35, 1 Cor 7:1-16, Ps 79, Josh 20-21
- Mark 4:1-20, 1 Cor 7:17-40, Ps 80, Josh 22-23
- Mark 4: 21-41, 1 Cor 8, Ps 81, Josh 24
- Mark 5:1-20, 1 Cor 9:1-12, Ps 82, Judg 1-3

#### 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

#### 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 AM sermon notes,  
go to [calvarydothan.com/messages](http://calvarydothan.com/messages).

#### Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson..... Senior Pastor  
 Charles Uptain..... Executive Pastor  
 Dan Tankersley..... Discipleship Pastor  
 Patrick Lima..... Worship  
 Tommy Perry..... Missions  
 Joyce Alexander..... Preschool  
 Zach Daniels..... Children  
 Reagan Farris..... Students  
 Randy Hunt..... Senior Adults

#### STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, April 7:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Saturday, April 13:

Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191

Sunday, April 14:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

#### SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 14

10am

*The Province of the Pure*

Matthew 5:8

Message by Paul Thompson

5pm

*Clean Hands and Pure Hearts*

Psalms 24:1-6

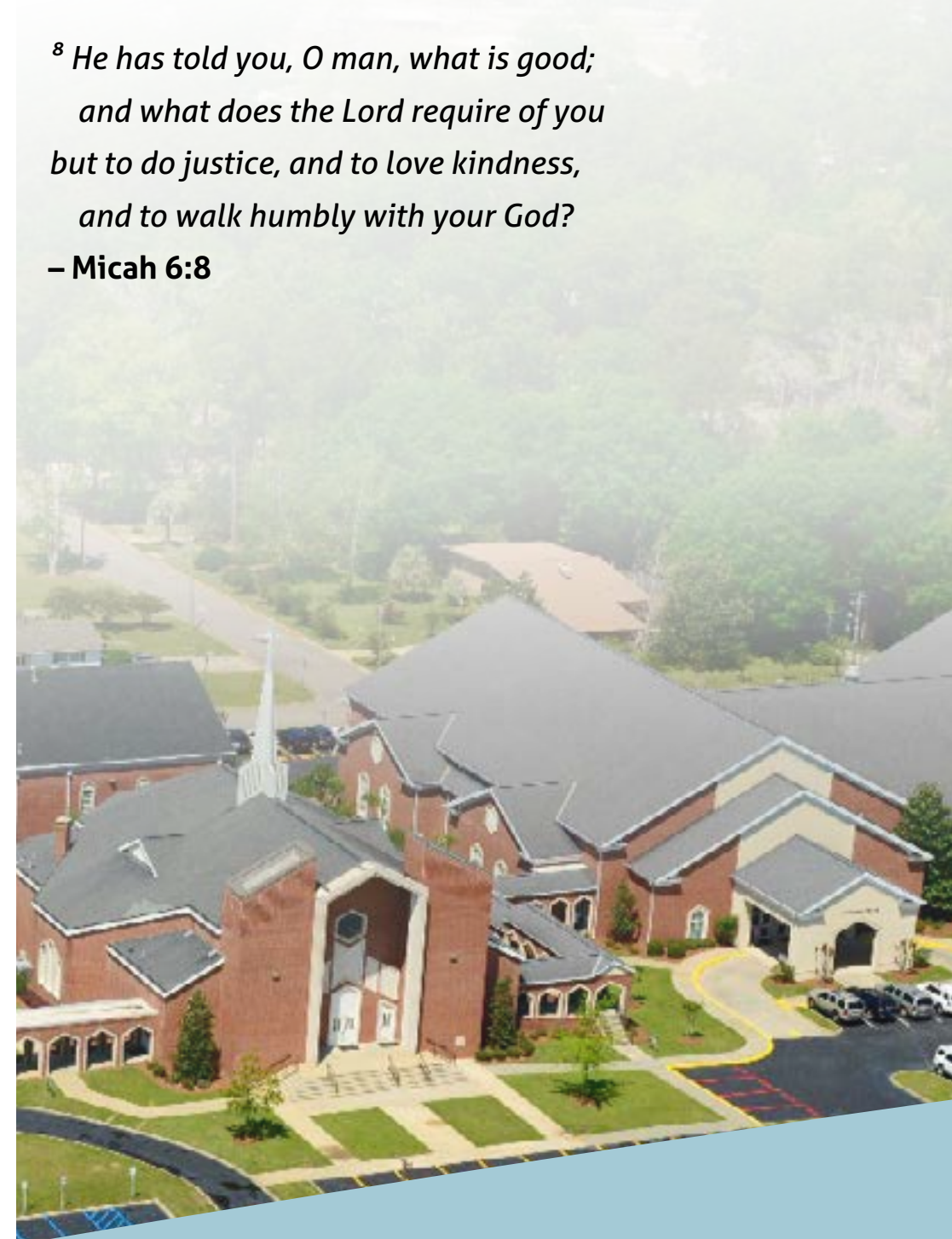
Message by Steven Wilson

#### 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

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O man, what is good;  
 and what does the Lord require of you  
 but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
 and to walk humbly with your God?

– Micah 6:8



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 BAPTIST CHURCH