

# The Repercussion of Righteousness

Matthew 5:10

It's clear by now that Jesus wasn't giving a 'formula' for a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ life in the Beatitudes!

Instead, we see in Jesus' words the cumulative description of the faithful, God-honoring life of a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus – a life that has the approval of and will receive the reward of God.

And as this final Beatitude makes clear, that's a life that the world/culture \_\_\_\_\_.

- The poor in spirit ...*
- The mourning and repentant ...*
- The gentle and meek ...*
- The spiritually hungry ...*
- The merciful ...*
- The pure and single-focused ...*
- The peacemaker ...*

In a real sense, this final Beatitude is like a \_\_\_\_\_ of all those that preceded it. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ that we really are \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>18</sup> *"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. <sup>20</sup> Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. (John 15:18-20a)*

<sup>12</sup> *Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted ... (1 Tim 3:12)*

We must accept that persecution is by God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

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If I never experience any persecution at all, it's fair to ask if the life of Christ is being displayed in my life.

## What is persecution?

*Two categories: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ...*

*Two warnings: Don't \_\_\_\_\_ it. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ it.*

## What persecution merits the favor/blessing/reward of God?

*Two conditions: Being \_\_\_\_\_ Christ and being \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ.*

*One promise: Great \_\_\_\_\_!*

## Am I ready for persecution?

*Have I counted the \_\_\_\_\_ and reckoned the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ?*

*Am I prepared for the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of unbelievers (and even other Christians)?*

*Am I \_\_\_\_\_ to other believers who will help me endure \_\_\_\_\_?*

## Why are we commanded to "rejoice and be glad" about persecution? (And how can we do that?)

*Why:*

*Persecution – for the right reasons – \_\_\_\_\_ the authenticity of my faith.*

*Persecution puts me in elite and enviable \_\_\_\_\_!*

*Persecution now means "great" rewards \_\_\_\_\_ (not just in) eternity!*

*How:*

*Refuse to become \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Redefine the \_\_\_\_\_.*

## Meanwhile, what can I do about persecution?

*I can \_\_\_\_\_ for my persecuted brothers and sisters.*

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*I can speak up and out, I can vote, and I can do all in my power for the sake of the persecuted.*

*And I can refuse to \_\_\_\_\_ to persecution, which will only make life \_\_\_\_\_ for other Christians.*

My response to God today:

*Dr. Paul Thompson  
Calvary Baptist Church  
April 28, 2024*

# Sunday, April 28

## 10am Worship

*All My Boast Is In Jesus*

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving..... Eric Donop

Psalm 16:7-11

<sup>7</sup> *I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. <sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. <sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

*Christ Our Hope In Life And Death*

Psalm 27:1

<sup>1</sup> *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

*Whom Shall I Fear*

Gideon Report & Prayer ..... Rodney Myers

Offering

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Message ..... Paul Thompson

The Repercussion of Righteousness

Matthew 5:10-12

*We Will Feast In the House of Zion*

Benediction ..... Lori Jane Woodham

Revelation 3:11

<sup>11</sup> *I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.*

**10am Worship will be in the Sanctuary.**

**No 5pm Worship - Join us in the Fellowship Center for Joy Prom.**

## Nissan Brothers Bethlehem New Store

**Wednesday, May 1 | 9am-1pm & 3-8pm | Parlor**

No trip to Bethlehem would be complete without a visit to the famous *Bethlehem New Store* owned and operated by 3 generations of the Nissan family. The Nissans are one of the few remaining Christian families in Bethlehem, and their factory, restaurant, and store support much of the Christian community there. As you can imagine, with the extended absence of tourism, these families have been especially hard hit. So, since we can't come to them, they have come to us! The Nissan brothers are touring the US visiting churches that have a relationship with them through past Holy Land trips. They contacted us to see if we would allow them to set up a small, temporary 'store' here for one day. They will be bringing olive wood carvings, nativity sets, jewelry, and other items from the Holy Land. Come by and shop (or just window shop!).

For more information: <https://nissanbros.com>

## Joy Prom

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

Volunteers are needed and should meet in the Fellowship Center by 4:40pm. Childcare is available for volunteers.

## Men's Breakfast

**Friday, May 3 | 6am | ROC Lobby**

All men are invited to join together for breakfast and a time of fellowship. Charles Uptain will be speaking.

## VBS Volunteer Training | Sunday, May 5



Be equipped for this year's VBS at the volunteer training meeting in the Children's Building immediately following the 10am worship service. Lunch will be provided for those serving at VBS. Limited childcare is available for couples who are both serving. Sign up for childcare using the QR code.

## Parent-Child Commitment Service

**Sunday, May 12 | 10am Worship**

Email [joyce@calvarydothan.com](mailto:joyce@calvarydothan.com) if you would like to be a part of this special commitment time with your child. There is a parent-child commitment meeting on Wednesday, May 1, at 6pm in the office building conference room.

## High School Senior Recognition Sunday | May 19

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

## "Next" Family Meeting

**Sunday, May 19 | 5pm | Fellowship Center**

On Sunday, May 19, we will take a break from our weekly Sunday evening worship service to gather as a church family to hear what's next for Calvary. The elders and staff believe a night of looking to the future will strengthen our unity and fellowship. We hope every member will join us.

## The Great Jungle Journey VBS

**June 3-7 | 8:30am-12pm**

Kids will be going on an epic adventure through the jungle and will be exploring the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Join us on this exciting jungle cruise with sloths, butterflies, river dolphins, and dart frogs. Child and volunteer registration is open! Visit [calvarydothan.com/VBS](http://calvarydothan.com/VBS) for more information.

## Legacy Conversation

**Wednesday, May 15 | 5pm | Parlor**

Dinner Included

Reserve your spot for a free dinner for you and your spouse to learn about Calvary's Legacy Ministry. You will discover a free tool that Calvary offers its members to help us be good stewards of God's resources.

To reserve your spots and sign up for childcare, call the church office or email [charles@calvarydothan.com](mailto:charles@calvarydothan.com).

## 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 28, 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

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

### Children:

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## April 28, 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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Calvary Baptist Church,

All of us want to thank you for opening your doors to us every Wednesday so that all the ladies are comfortable, cared for, and confident in God's Word as we partner together with all of you at Calvary Baptist Church!

Thank you for continuing as our host church. May our partnership last for many years as we make disciples for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Community Bible Study Ladies

### THE PEOPLE CAME...

#### April 21

Life Group: 455  
10:00 Worship: 587  
5:00 Worship: 137  
Hispanic Church: 124  
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

#### General Fund

Given April 21: \$35,094.57  
Given Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): (\$678.19)  
as of 03/31/24

### NAVIGATORS BIBLE READING PLAN

#### April 28-May 4

- Mark 9:33-50, 2 Cor 1:1-11, Ps 95, 1 Sam 1-2
- Mark 10:1-16, 2 Cor 1:12-24, Ps 96, 1 Sam 3-5
- Mark 10:17-34, 2 Cor 2, Ps 97, 1 Sam 6-8
- Mark 10:35-52, 2 Cor 3, Ps 98, 1 Sam 9-10
- Mark 11:1-11, 2 Cor 4, Ps 99, 1 Sam 11-13

### 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

### STAFF ON CALL

#### Sunday, April 28:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

#### Saturday, May 4:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

#### Sunday, May 5:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

### SERMON SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, May 5

##### 10am

*The Inevitable Effects of Kingdom Living*

Matthew 5:13-16

Message by Paul Thompson

##### 5pm

*Removing Barriers*


Mark 2:1-13

Message by Michael Carrel

### 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/](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).

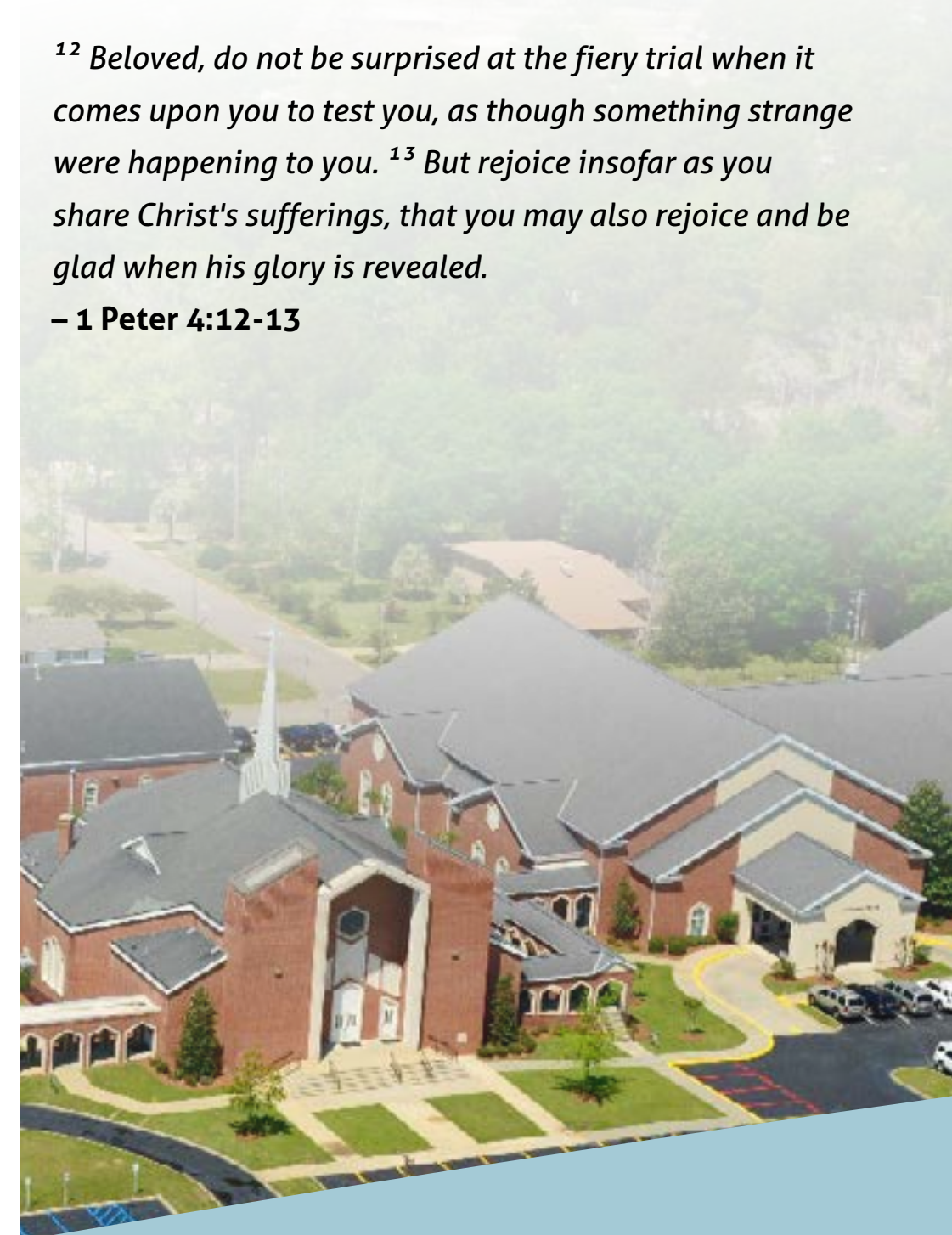
### Ministry Staff

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

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

– 1 Peter 4:12-13



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BAPTIST CHURCH