

# The Inevitable Effects of Kingdom Living

Matthew 5:13-16

## A bridge from the Beatitudes:

We are to be profoundly aware of our spiritual need, mournful for our sin, meek and humble in our disposition, deeply desirous for righteousness, as merciful as we've been shown mercy, undivided and true in our hearts toward God, and eager to be instruments of peace, but ...

We are never to be these things in \_\_\_\_\_ from a world that's at odds with God!

That's why this life is a \_\_\_\_\_ one, but it is not a \_\_\_\_\_ free one.

*John 15:18-20a*

Persecution is not the opposite of blessedness. Persecution is a necessary \_\_\_\_\_ that we are redeemed *by* and \_\_\_\_\_ to the King!

*1 Tim 3:12*

And while we don't know exactly *what* it entails, we do know that the reward is \_\_\_\_\_ for faithfulness.

*Matt 5:11-12*

This is what life will look like when people who live in God's Kingdom under Christ's rule come into contact and conflict with the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom of this world.

We should \_\_\_\_\_ persecution and be \_\_\_\_\_ for it, unless we are ...

\_\_\_\_\_ and/or \_\_\_\_\_ about our faith in Jesus

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from witness to the world

But living that way defies our God-given \_\_\_\_\_ and God-given \_\_\_\_\_ (and denies us eternal reward):

<sup>13</sup> *"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.*

<sup>14</sup> *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

## "Salt" and Light" – The Who and What of God's People

1. God's people and "the world" are \_\_\_\_\_ communities. When that distinction is \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ altogether, God's purposes thru us and for us are also lost.

2. This world is in \_\_\_\_\_ shape, and it is getting \_\_\_\_\_. Its only hope is the grace of God declared and displayed thru the \_\_\_\_\_ (via its many members).

As "salt", the Church is called to prevent the \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_ culture.

As "salt", the Church is called to \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ culture.

As "salt", the Church is called to foment a " \_\_\_\_\_ " for God in a culture with an appetite for its own \_\_\_\_\_.

But there is a \_\_\_\_\_:

<sup>50</sup> *Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."* (Mark 9:50)

*That verse begs a huge question:*

And remember, having "salt" in and to this world comes \_\_\_\_\_.

3. This world is a bad place because it is an increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ place. And there is only one remedy for darkness: \_\_\_\_\_.

*Eph 4:18, Eph 5:8*

As "light", the Church is called to make Christ (and our Christianity) \_\_\_\_\_.

So, there again is a \_\_\_\_\_:

*"A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket ..."*

*That verse begs another huge question:*

As "light", the Church is called to do \_\_\_\_\_ things, not just generically " \_\_\_\_\_ " things. (One the world *opposes*; the other it *applauds*).

As "light", the church is called to \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, leading others to Him. (Then they'll praise the Light, not the lamp.)

Likewise, shedding "light" on a dark world will come at a cost. (But will also ensure a \_\_\_\_\_!)

## Therefore ...

We must not \_\_\_\_\_ from, nor may we \_\_\_\_\_ to the sickness and darkness of this world.

Since salt and light are \_\_\_\_\_ who we are and what we do, we must \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ both.

My response to God's Word today:

*Dr. Paul Thompson  
Calvary Baptist Church  
May 5, 2024*

# Sunday, May 5

## 10am Worship

*Almighty*.....Choir

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Adoration..... Charles Uptain  
Psalm 33:1-12

**33** *Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. <sup>2</sup> Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings! <sup>3</sup> Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. <sup>4</sup> For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. <sup>5</sup> He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. <sup>6</sup> By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. <sup>7</sup> He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. <sup>8</sup> Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! <sup>9</sup> For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. <sup>10</sup> The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. <sup>11</sup> The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations. <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!*

*Psalm 150 (Praise The Lord)*

*Let Your Kingdom Come*

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Supplication.....Randy Hunt  
Ephesians 6:10-18

<sup>10</sup> *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,*

Offering

*O Church Arise (Arise Shine)*

Message .....Paul Thompson  
The Inevitable Effects of Kingdom Living  
Matthew 5:13-16

Lord's Supper

*Take My Life*

Benediction .....Zach Daniels

## 5pm Worship

Baptism

*Holy Is The Lord*

Vermont Mission Panel.....Tommy Perry, David Holloman & Billy Thornton

Corporate Prayer

Message .....Michael Carrel  
Removing Barriers  
Mark 2:1-13

*Let Your Kingdom Come*

Benediction .....Paul Thompson  
Isaiah 62:10-11

<sup>10</sup> *Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. <sup>11</sup> Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."*

## 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.

## Baby Bottle Boomerang Benefitting Wiregrass Hope Group

Pick up location(s): Fellowship Center Foyer, ROC, & Preschool Desk

Return Date: Wednesday, May 31

Wiregrass Hope Group is one of our Local Missions Partners. They provide free pregnancy resources, free parenting programs, and a free fatherhood program. Their mission is to share the hope of Jesus Christ, promote human life, and care for people through pregnancy resources, biblical counseling, and relationship education. Grab a bottle today and fill it with your loose change, cash, or check to support this ministry.

## 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.

## CalvaryNEXT 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.

DR. AND MRS. PAUL ANTHONY THOMPSON

*request the honor of your presence*

AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

*Sarah Marina*

TO

*Luke Andrew Maddox*

SATURDAY, THE FIFTEENTH OF JUNE

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FOUR

AT TWO O'CLOCK

IN THE AFTERNOON

*Calvary Baptist Church*

DOTHAN, ALABAMA

*Reception to Follow in the Fellowship Center*

*Kindly RSVP name and # of guests to 772-215-2298*

*by Wednesday, May 15*

*Childcare Provided for Children under the Age of 5*

## 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

May 5, 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

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.

### May 5, 2024

#### May Missions Spotlight

**Michael and Katherine Carrel**  
(North Pownal Church, Vermont)

The Carrel family seeks to help the people in the mountains and valleys of the tri-state area find and follow Jesus. It is their desire that the congregation of North Pownal Church follow Christ in every aspect of what they do. Pray for them as they are committed to reaching Pownal and the surrounding areas with the gospel of Jesus Christ. To learn more about their ministry, visit [northpownalchurch.org](http://northpownalchurch.org) or [facebook.com/northpownalcc](https://facebook.com/northpownalcc).

If you are interested in knowing how to pray for the Carrels, please pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

#### Wiregrass Hope Group (Local Missions Partner)

The mission of Wiregrass Hope is to share the hope of Christ, promote human life, and care for people through pregnancy resources, biblical counseling, and relationship education. Their vision is to build a healthy community where individuals and families value life and thrive because of the love and grace of Christ. If you would like to know more about the ministry work of Wiregrass Hope Group, visit [facebook.com/wiregrasshopegroup](https://facebook.com/wiregrasshopegroup) or [wiregrasshope.com](http://wiregrasshope.com).

Prayer needs for Wiregrass Hope Group can be found on prayer cards at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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#### THE PEOPLE CAME...

April 28

Life Group: 485  
10:00 Worship: 627  
Joy Prom: 300  
Hispanic Church: 118  
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

#### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given April 28: \$44,683.01  
Given Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): (\$678.19)  
as of 03/31/24

#### NAVIGATORS BIBLE READING PLAN

May 5-11

- Mark 11:12-26, 2 Cor 5, Ps 100, 1 Sam 14
- Mark 11:27-33, 2 Cor 6, Ps 101, 1 Sam 15-16
- Mark 12:1-12, 2 Cor 7, Ps 102, 1 Sam 17-18
- Mark 12:13-27, 2 Cor 8, Ps 103, 1 Sam 19-20
- Mark 12:28-34, 2 Cor 9, Ps 104, 1 Sam 21-23

#### 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

#### STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, May 5:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Saturday, May 11:

Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191

Sunday, May 12:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

#### SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 12

10am

*Jesus and the Law*

Matthew 5:17-20

Message by Paul Thompson

5pm

No PM Worship

#### 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

... at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

– Ephesians 5:8



WELCOME TO  
**Calvary**  
BAPTIST CHURCH