

How Good is 'Good Enough'?

Matthew 5:17-20

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Wrong Thinking about the Law

“Jesus _____ the Law.”

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“Law-keeping can _____ me.”

Up to this point in Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, there is an apparent *glaring omission*: Jesus had yet to mention _____ as the means to eternal life in the Kingdom. Instead, he’s preached humble self-awareness, mournful repentance, changed desires, and an undivided heart.

What He’s unveiling is _____!

But God’s grace never _____ God’s Law. Instead, when God’s grace is given and received, we are _____ than ever before – and actually _____ – to keep God’s Law.

It’s not _____ to us anymore – like a rung we are trying to reach for. It is _____ to us, springing from the _____.

A Right Understanding of the Law

Just as Jesus fulfilled, fulfills, and will fulfill the _____, he does the same regarding the Law.

In his _____ ...

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In his _____ ...

And the Law itself is _____.

“The Law” in reference here is God’s _____. While we are no longer bound to the _____ Law of the Old Testament (eg Gal. 3:23-25, Col. 2:16-17, Rom. 14:5), nor the _____ Law (eg Exodus 21), God’s _____ Law will forever apply.

This Law is the _____ of righteousness in God’s Kingdom and is the _____ for the believer’s rewards in Christ. (See Romans 3)

‘Good enough’ – A Righteousness that “Exceeds that of the Pharisees”

A righteousness that is different in _____, not _____ than that of the Pharisees. They focused on _____.

They missed the _____ and replaced them with superfluous, manmade _____.

They tried to _____ righteousness without _____ righteous.

A righteousness that springs from the _____!

Not just _____ (though that is where it begins) ...

But _____, genuine righteousness lived out as an expression of our new lives in Christ

My response to God’s Word today:

*Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
May 12, 2024*

Sunday, May 12

10am Worship

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving..... Charles Uptain
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.

Parent-Child Commitment..... Joyce Alexander

God So Loved

All I Have Is Christ

Scripture Reading & Prayer of PraiseSteven Wilson
Romans 8:1-5

⁸ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

Offering

All Sufficient Merit

MessagePaul Thompson
How Good Is 'Good Enough'?
Matthew 5:17-20

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

BenedictionPaul Thompson
Ephesians 1:17

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,

No 5pm Worship

Happy Mother's Day

Elder Vote

The council of elders is presenting Ian Worrell as a candidate for the office of elder. The congregation will vote next Sunday, May 19, in the AM worship service.

**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.

**Baby Bottle Boomerang Benefitting
Wiregrass Hope Group**

Pick up locations: Fellowship Center Foyer, ROC, & Preschool Desk

Return Deadline: Wednesday, May 31

Wiregrass Hope Group is one of our Local Mission 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 spot and sign up for childcare, use the QR code, call the church office, or email charles@calvarydothan.com.

Senior Adult Mid-month & Lunch

Thursday, May 16 | 11am | Parlor

Don Mills will be speaking. Lunch will be served immediately following the service.

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 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 12, 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

Name / Date of Birth

Name / Date of Birth

Name / Date of Birth

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

May 12, 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 or 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 or 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...

May 5

Life Group: 476
10:00 Worship: 641
5:00 Worship: 170
Hispanic Church: 140
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given May 5: \$63,999.29
Given Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit):
(\$8,706.66) as of 04/30/24

NAVIGATORS BIBLE READING PLAN


May 12-18

- Mark 12:35-44, 2 Cor 10, Ps 105, 1 Sam 24-25
- Mark 13:1-13, 2 Cor 11:1-15, Ps 106:1-23, 1 Sam 26-28
- Mark 13:14-31, 2 Cor 11:16-33, Ps 106:24-48, 1 Sam 29-31
- Mark 13:32-37, 2 Cor 12:1-10, Ps 107, 2 Sam 1-2
- Mark 14:1-11, 2 Cor 12:11-21, Ps 108, 2 Sam 3-4

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/.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's AM sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/messages.

Ministry Staff

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

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, May 12:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

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Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

Sunday, May 19:

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 19

10am

Healing for the Angry Heart

Matthew 5:21-26

Message by Paul Thompson

5pm

CalvaryNEXT Family Meeting

Fellowship Center

Wednesday Schedule

- 6:00pm Open Classes, D-Groups, Life Groups
Birth-K5, Preschool Bldg
Grades 1-5, Chapel
Grades 6-12, Student Room

²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

– 2 Corinthians 5:21



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Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH