

**Radical Selflessness**

Matthew 5:38-48

*MATTHEW 5:38-42*

**The Old Testament and Lex Talionis**

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ (Matt. 5:38)

The Law of Retaliation was \_\_\_\_\_ because it limited \_\_\_\_\_!

*Deuteronomy 21:16-21*

- The Law existed to curb \_\_\_\_\_ because of the condition of the \_\_\_\_\_ of men.
- The intent is to control \_\_\_\_\_ responses/reactions.
- Retaliation was not typically carried out \_\_\_\_\_.
- Only the \_\_\_\_\_ had the authority to enact retaliation.

By the time of Jesus, the rabbis mistaught and misapplied this teaching:

- They falsely taught that retaliation was \_\_\_\_\_, if not \_\_\_\_\_.
- They allowed for \_\_\_\_\_ to enact \_\_\_\_\_.

*The result?*

**A Higher Standard – Life Under the King**

“But I say to you ...” (Matt 5:39a)

4 illustrations:

- 1) The struck cheek – challenges our tendency to “\_\_\_\_\_”
- 2) The confiscated garment – challenges our tendency to insist on our “\_\_\_\_\_”
- 3) The forced mile – challenges our tendency to \_\_\_\_\_ against authority
- 4) The interest-free loan – challenges our tendency to be \_\_\_\_\_

*The implication?*

*MATTHEW 5:43-48*

**A Corrupted Standard for Love:**

You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ (Matt. 5:43)

But wait ...

*<sup>18</sup> You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD. (Lev. 19:18)*

*So where did they get this (wrong) idea?*

The rabbis taught that “neighbor” = only \_\_\_\_\_. Others were aliens and even \_\_\_\_\_!

This sort of ‘love’ was their standard: limited, conditional, and \_\_\_\_\_.

*The result?*

**God’s Standard of Love:**

But I say to you, Love your enemies ... (Matt. 5:44a)

God’s people are to love \_\_\_\_\_ – without limits or conditions.

*Why?*

We display our \_\_\_\_\_ when we love like He does. (v. 45)

We demonstrate our distinction from the \_\_\_\_\_ when we love more than they do. (v. 46-47)

*The aim?*

*You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (v. 48)*

**Conclusions:**

This isn’t just another \_\_\_\_\_ sermon ...

What God commands requires \_\_\_\_\_ and the power of the \_\_\_\_\_ ...

\_\_\_\_\_ love is the way things one day \_\_\_\_\_ in the Kingdom ...

*Dr. Paul Thompson  
Calvary Baptist Church  
June 16, 2024*

**Sunday, June 16**

**10am Worship**

*All My Boast Is In Jesus*

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Praise.....Reagan Farris

Jeremiah 17:7-8

*<sup>7</sup> “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. <sup>8</sup> He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”*

*Rock of Ages*

*Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

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

Philippians 2:1-7

***2** So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.*

Offering

*All Sufficient Merit*

Message .....Paul Thompson

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Matthew 5:38-48

*Come Thou Fount*

Benediction..... Ian Worrell

Hebrews 12:1

***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,*

**Summer Sunday Nights**

June 16 - No PM Worship

June 23 - Worship at 5pm

June 30 - Hymn Sing at 5pm

July 7 - No PM Worship

July 14 - Dinner on the Grounds at 5pm, Fellowship Center and ROC

July 21 - No PM Worship

July 28 - Family Night at Water World at 5:30pm

**Hymn Sing**

**Sunday, June 30 | 5pm Worship | Sanctuary**

The Worship Ministry and choir invites you to a hymn sing. Come ready to worship to the tune of these old songs of faith.

**Member Meeting**

**Sunday, June 23 | 5pm Worship**

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

**Summer in the Sanctuary**

In June and July we will be meeting for worship in the Sanctuary at 10am each week.

**Women's Retreat**

**Redeeming Friendship: How to Spot Cultural Lies and Embrace Biblical Understanding**  
**September 13-14 | Callaway Gardens**

Early Bird Registration: \$160 (will increase 07/01)

Sign up online today at calvarydothan.com to reserve your spot.

**Summer with the Student Ministry**

**June 16:** No D-Groups

**June 19:** Midweek in the Gym at 6pm

**June 23:** High School D-Groups at 3:30pm

**June 26:** Midweek at 6pm

**June 29:** Shipwreck Island | Sign up by June 23

**June 30:** High School D-Groups at 3:30pm

**July 3:** No Midweek

**Summer 2024 Open Class Schedule**

**Sundays, June 2-Aug 25 | 8:30am**

Stewardship, Room R300/302

This class is about how to faithfully steward all that God has given us. In this class, you will learn how to better manage your money, time, health, and skills.

**Wednesdays, June 5-Aug 28 (no class July 3) | 6pm**

Biblical Theology, Room R300/302

This class explores the discipline of learning to read the Bible as one story by one divine author that culminates in the person and work of Christ so that every part of Scripture is understood in relation to Christ.

**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

June 16, 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

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- Male
- Female

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### June 16, 2024

#### June Missions Spotlight

##### B and M (Global Missions Partner)

B and his team work alongside the South Asian church to see them take local stewardship of the Great Commission and Great Commandment, especially among Muslims who remain unreached and unengaged with the Gospel. If you would like to learn more about their ministry work, contact Tommy Perry and he will inform you of their efforts. If you would like to know how to pray for them, 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, you can 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...

June 9

Life Group: 420  
10:00 Worship: 573  
5:00 Worship: 102  
Hispanic Church: 133  
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

#### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

##### General Fund

Given June 9: \$41,113.68  
Given Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit):  
(\$123,263.15) as of 05/31/24

#### NAVIGATORS BIBLE READING PLAN

June 16-22

- Lk 4:31-37, Eph 6:10-24, Ps 119:97-104, 1 Kgs 21-22
- Lk 4:38-44, Phil 1:1-11, Ps 119:105-112, 2 Kgs 1-3
- Lk 5:1-11, Phil 1:12-20, Ps 119:113-120, 2 Kgs 4-5
- Lk 5:12-16, Phil 1:21-30, Ps 119:121-128, 2 Kgs 6-7
- Lk 5:17-26, Phil 2:1-11, Ps 119:129-136, 2 Kgs 8-9
- Lk 5:27-32, Phil 2:12-18, Ps 119:137-144, 2 Kgs 10-11

#### Sunday Schedule

- 8:30am Life Groups & Open Classes
- 10:00am Worship, Sanctuary  
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.

Also, be sure to stop by our Next Steps table in the foyer 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, June 16:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

Saturday, June 22:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Sunday, June 23:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

#### SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 23

10am

*Don't Be a Pharisee*

Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18

Message by Paul Thompson

5pm

Message by James Wells

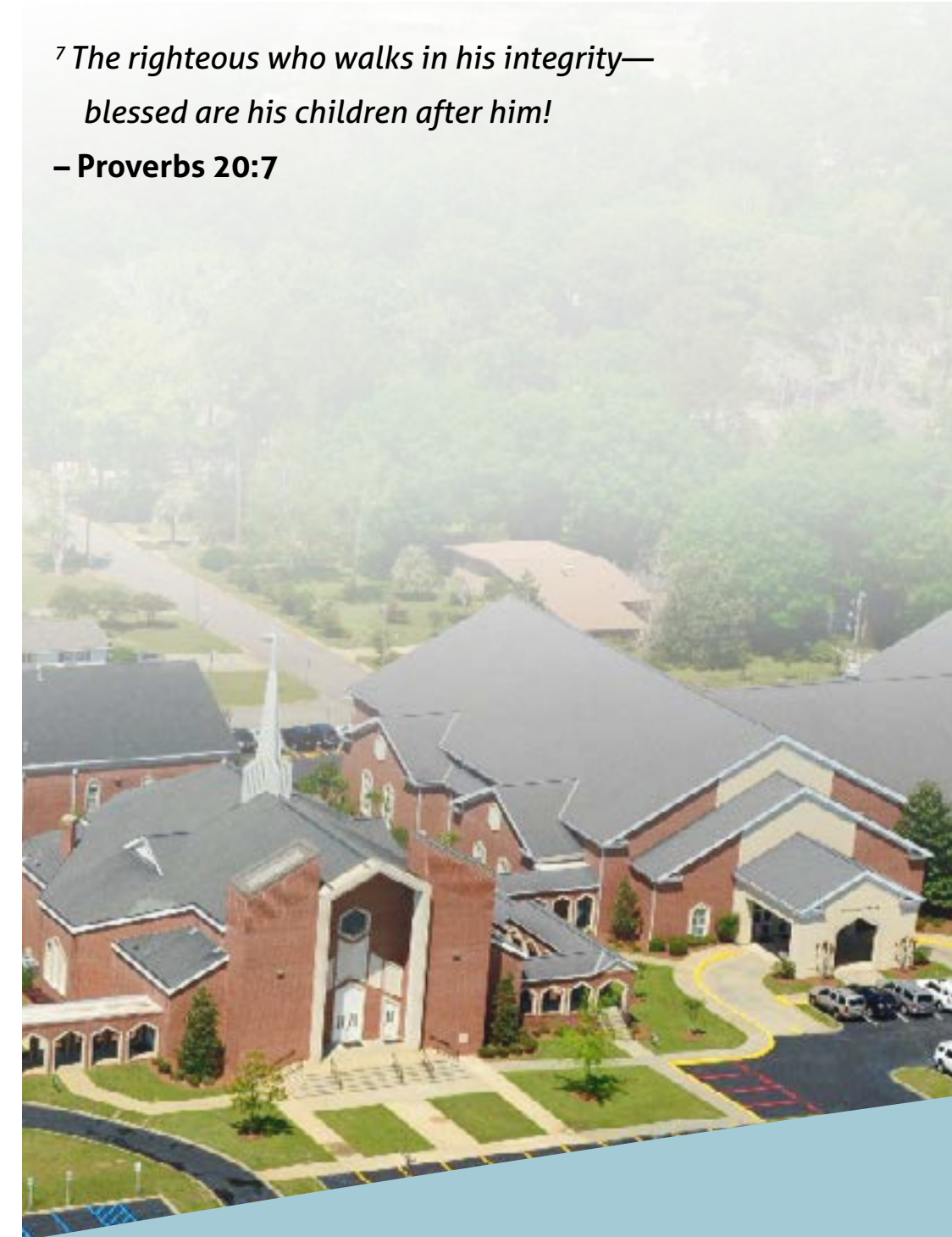
#### Wednesday Schedule

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

<sup>7</sup> *The righteous who walks in his integrity—*

*blessed are his children after him!*

– Proverbs 20:7



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BAPTIST CHURCH