

# The Parable of the Weeds

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**A fascinating analogy: "Wheat and "weeds" (tares) ...**

## "Explain to us ..."

God's words are not \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ interpretation. (There is a meaning. Our first task in understanding scripture is determining what the text \_\_\_\_\_. Then are we able to \_\_\_\_\_ it correctly.)

Each parable stands on its \_\_\_\_\_. (They never \_\_\_\_\_, but don't \_\_\_\_\_ the symbolism, or you will be confused.)

Scripture \_\_\_\_\_ scripture. (This idea is referred to as the "analogy of faith" or the "rule of faith".)

## The Characters and Symbols:

"The man who sowed" = \_\_\_\_\_ – The King bringing about His Kingdom  
*How?*

"The field" = this present \_\_\_\_\_ – the arena of God's mercy and grace; holiness and justice

"The enemy" = \_\_\_\_\_ and the fallen angels that serve him, who go about \_\_\_\_\_ the nations

*Remember, Satan is a "sower", too!*

"Good seed" = \_\_\_\_\_ who have received the Word and are now growing up to maturity in Him, becoming "wheat" ready for "harvest" and their place in \_\_\_\_\_

"Weeds" = \_\_\_\_\_, under the influence of the enemy, whose lives also grow to maturity, but who are without Christ, spiritually empty, perhaps even poisonous, subject then only to \_\_\_\_\_

"Harvest" = The certain future judgment of God of all mankind

## A Summary:

Apart from the \_\_\_\_\_ of King Jesus, the whole world would lie in darkness under the dominion of the "god of this world".

But Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ – offering \_\_\_\_\_ from the destruction and death of the kingdom of darkness to the glorious life of His good and eternal kingdom. (Col. 1:13)  
This is \_\_\_\_\_.

Some will respond to this incomprehensibly \_\_\_\_\_ offer and be \_\_\_\_\_. Starting as mere "seeds", they will develop and mature into His design for them. \_\_\_\_\_ is their final state.

As more and more people become followers of Jesus thru \_\_\_\_\_ in His \_\_\_\_\_, from this \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ world a new Kingdom emerges until the earth is \_\_\_\_\_ with the knowledge of the glory of the Great King.

Tragically, others will \_\_\_\_\_ to believe the saving Words of the Sower. They will not be instantly destroyed but will also grow up. Sadly, their lives will be empty absent the Savior. Many will be \_\_\_\_\_ to those around them. \_\_\_\_\_ is their final state.

So then, it is the great responsibility of the \_\_\_\_\_ to live \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ lives wherever He has planted us, while leaving the ultimate and imminent \_\_\_\_\_ to God (who most certainly *will* judge righteously).

Note: An implicit warning also resides in the text: The danger of \_\_\_\_\_. (Living among "wheat" doesn't make you "wheat". The \_\_\_\_\_ will be revealed.)

## Conclusion:

There is hardly a clearer theme in scripture than the future judgment of God. On that day, all will be revealed. On that day, justice will be served.

This is the simple question: **Wheat or tare?**

*Dr. Paul Thompson  
Calvary Baptist Church  
February 16, 2025*

# Sunday, February 16

## 10am Worship

*Sing*

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Praise & Thanksgiving ..... Don Mills  
Psalm 34:15-18

*<sup>15</sup> The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. <sup>16</sup> The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. <sup>17</sup> When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. <sup>18</sup> The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.*

*The Solid Rock*

*It Was Finished Upon That Cross*

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Supplication..... Eric Donop  
Colossians 3:1-4

*<sup>3</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

Offering

*Christus Victor*

Message ..... Paul Thompson  
The Parable of the Weeds  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

*We Will Feast In The House Of Zion*

Benediction..... Tommy Perry  
2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

*<sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.*

## 5pm Worship

Scripture Reading & Prayer ..... Steven Whitfield  
1 Peter 5:6-11

*<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup> casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

*Come Christians Join To Sing*

*O Worship The King*

*All I Have Is Christ*

Corporate Prayer ..... Charles Uptain

Message ..... Tommy Perry  
Compassion and Judgment:: A Hope of Restoration  
Lamentations 3

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

## Missions Conference 2025

**Saturday, February 22**

9:00 Devotion, Breakfast, & Prayer

10:15 Breakout Session

11:15 Breakout Session

12:00 Lunch

**Sunday, February 23**

8:30 Combined Life Groups: Mission Partner Panel Discussion, Sanctuary

10:00 Morning Worship (Speaker: Chuck Lawless)

3:30 Mission Partners Speak to Students During D-Group

5:00 Evening Worship (Speakers: CV Vadavana & Joe Carroll)



Use the QR code to register for the missions conference. Deadline to register is Sunday, February 16. The first 50 to register will receive a free gift bag of resources.

## Mission Trip Opportunity for Spring 2025

**Mission Trip: New York City**

Date: TBD (April/May)

Purpose: Assisting Steve and Toni Chambers with ministry work for Neighborhood Church.

Team Leader: James Welsh (334) 798-2113

**Mission Trip: Kenya**

Date: July 14-23

Purpose: Widows Conference, VBS and Medical  
Three additional nurses are needed.

Team Leader: Stacey Harrison (334) 685-8565

## Calvary Weekday Ministries

Calvary Weekday Ministries will be accepting in-house registration for Fall 2025 for current students and Calvary church members February 10-28. To enroll or for more information, contact: Michelle@calvarydothan.com for babies-age 2 Jaci@calvarydothan.com for K3-Kindergarten

## Spring Open Classes Begin

All classes will begin in the ROC Lobby before dismissing to classrooms.

**Sundays | 8:30 am | March 2-May 18**

**Meaningful Membership (March 2, 9, 16)**

Teachers: Paul Thompson, Dan Tankersley, & Charles Uptain

**Parenting for Life**

Teachers: Zach Daniels & Joseph Parden

**Wednesdays | 6pm | March 12-May 28**

**No Classes March 26**

**New Testament 1**

Teachers: Charles Uptain & Dan Tankersley

**Missions**

Teacher: Tommy Perry

**Women's Study: Colossians & Philemon**

Teachers: Jamie Perry, Krisan Smith, & Becky Kite

**We are Baptists**

Teacher: Paul Thompson

## 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

February 16, 2025

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

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

## February 16, 2025

### February Missions Spotlight

#### The Harbor (Local Missions Partner)

The Harbor's mission is to transform the heart of Dothan through the transforming love and power of Jesus. The Scriptures are their guide as they seek to serve all those in need, physically and spiritually. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work at The Harbor, you can visit [theharbordothan.org](http://theharbordothan.org) or visit [facebook.com/theharbordothan](https://facebook.com/theharbordothan). Prayer needs for The Harbor can be found on prayer cards at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

#### 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 want to know how to pray for them, please pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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### THE PEOPLE CAME...

#### February 9

Life Group: 554  
10:00 Worship: 739  
5:00 Worship: n/a  
Hispanic Church: 106  
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

#### General Fund

Given February 9: \$46,457.73  
Given Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): (\$42,603.11) as of 01/31/25  
Lottie Moon Y-T-D: \$135,989.45

### BIBLE READING PLAN

#### February 16-22

- Num 2-3, Mark 3
- Num 4-5, Mark 4
- Num 6-7, Mark 5:1-20
- Num 8-10, Mark 5:21-43
- Num 11-13, Mark 6:1-29
- Num 14-18, Mark 6:30-56

### Sunday Schedule

- 8:30am Life Groups & Open Classes
- 10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center  
Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5,  
Chapel (except 1st Sunday)
- 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	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, February 16:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

#### Saturday, February 22:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

#### Sunday, February 23:

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### SERMON SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, February 23

##### 10am

*Partnership in the Gospel*

Philippians 1:3-7

Message by Chuck Lawless

##### 5pm

*God's Faithfulness and the Missionaries*

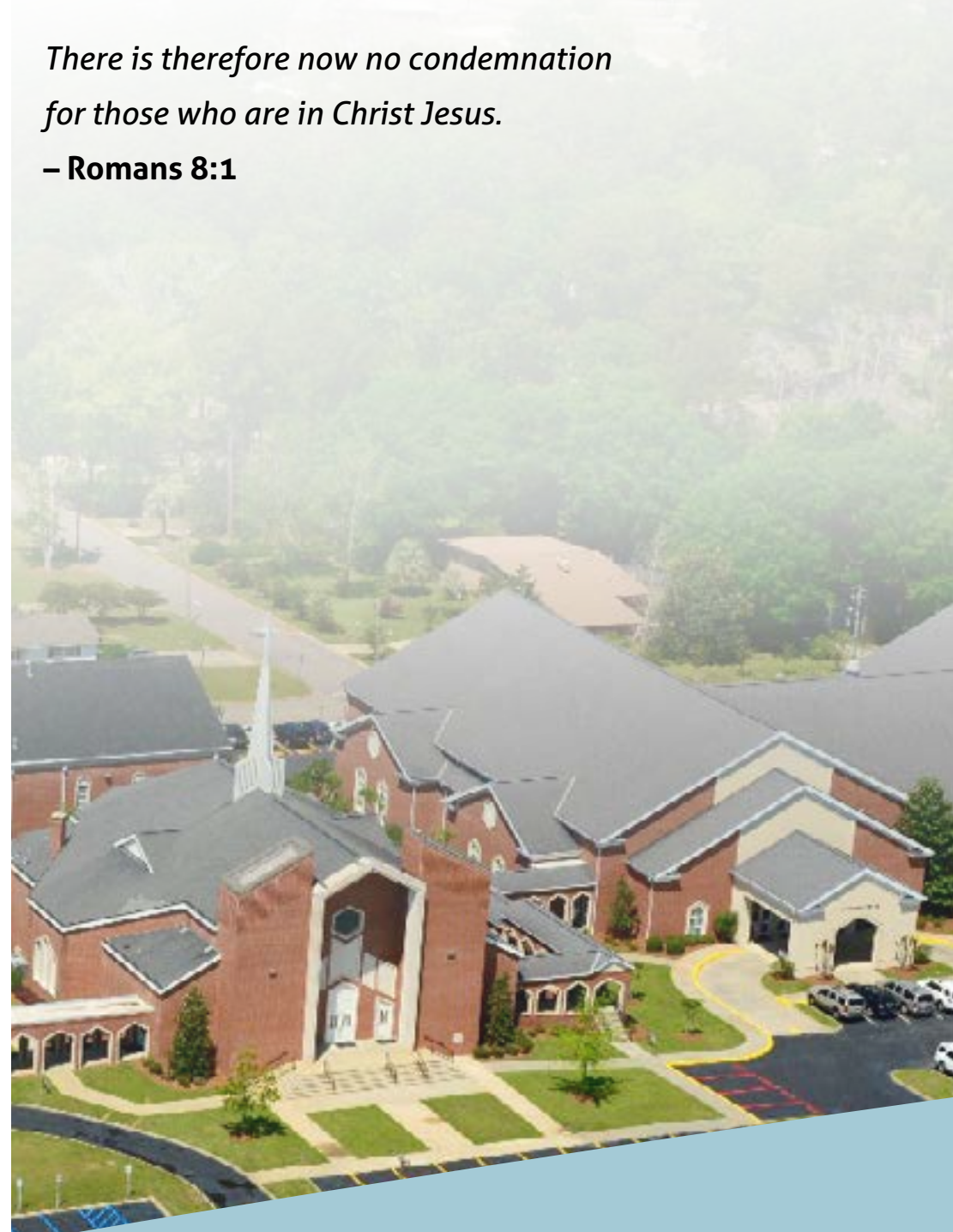
*Fruitfulness*

Acts 13:1-4; 14: 19-28

Message by Joe Carroll

### Wednesday Schedule

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



*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

**– Romans 8:1**

