

The Parables of the Treasure and the Pearl

Matthew 13:44-46

Some of the worst deals in history ...

Either the losing party a) Didn't know the _____ of what was being traded/sold, or b) They didn't _____.

Sometimes we can't/won't fully realize the value of a thing until enough _____ has passed.

The message:

⁴⁴ *"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."*

A man _____ a priceless treasure ...

His reaction is _____ celebration.

The critical question is this: What will he do _____?

Recognizing he has discovered something worth _____ anything he can imagine ever possessing, he responds exactly as you'd think he would. He wants to _____ it.

The meaning:

The discovery of God's grace is – for many – _____ and even _____.

But we know the message of the Gospel is not: *"Look for God. You just might find Him!", but "the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."* (Luke 19:10)

As it turns out, we are the _____ ones who are _____ by Him! His _____ finds us and offers us the _____ of God _____. (1 Peter 3:18)

So, recognizing the _____ of God – His _____ and His _____ – will you then _____ and _____ Him?

The message:

⁴⁵ *"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.*

A man makes his trade in _____ for things of _____ ...

Then the "pearl merchant" discovers _____ that far exceeds them all.

His response is predictable: He sells all his other pearls in order to _____ this one _____ one.

The meaning:

Many of us are 'merchants' in 'things' we think _____; things that we think have "_____".

We accumulate them like so many "_____ " to be collected.

What happens when you discover they don't really have _____?

And then what happens when God – by His grace – reveals to you that which is of _____?

What will you do?

Conclusion:

The implications of this parable begin long before we reach _____ (or Hell, for that matter).

Every day – in ways perceived and unperceived – we are choosing/deciding/prioritizing according to what we _____.

The "Subjective Theory of Value" ...

³⁶ *"... what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul?" (Mark 8:36-37)*

What does my _____, _____ life reveal about what I _____?

²¹ *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:21)*

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
March 9, 2025

Sunday, March 9

10am Worship

Scripture Reading Charles Uptain

Psalm 29:2

² *Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.*

Behold Our GodChoir

Scripture Reading Amanda Wilson

Jeremiah 9:23-24

²³ *Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, ²⁴ but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."*

All My Boast Is In Jesus

Glorious Day

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

Philippians 3:7-8

⁷ *But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ*

Offering

Christ Our Treasure

MessagePaul Thompson

The Parables of the Treasure and the Pearl

Matthew 13:44-46

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Benediction..... Charles Uptain

Hebrews 11:24

²⁴ *By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,*

5pm Worship

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Petition..... Tommy Perry

Psalm 67

⁶⁷ *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, ² that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! ⁶ The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. ⁷ God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!*

Our God Saves

God Is For Us

Corporate Prayer Charles Uptain

MessagePaul Thompson

Paul and the Missionary Imperative: The Irreducible Minimum of Missions

Facing A Task Unfinished

Volunteers Needed for Bereavement Ministry

In times of loss, one of the most meaningful ways we can support each other is by offering care and comfort. We invite you to join us in providing a meal for a family of church members on the day of a funeral. This is a tangible way to serve our church family and show God's love in their time of need.

We will work with the church member's Life Group class to help provide this meal. Some classes may need additional help with hosting or providing a side dish. If you are able to be a hostess and receive the dishes or provide a side dish, we would greatly appreciate your help. Call the church office or email joyce@calvarydothan.com if you'd like to participate. Thank you for being a part of this beautiful expression of care.

Members Meeting

Sunday, March 16 | 5pm Worship

All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting during the 5pm worship service.

Mission Trip Opportunity for Summer 2025

Mission Trip: Oregon

Date: June 14-21

Purpose: VBS & working with Solid Rock Baptist Church

Team Leader: Randy Hunt (334) 791-7986

Women in the Mission of God Event

Monday, April 14 | FBC Dothan | 5:30-7:30pm

Cost: \$10 (includes dinner) | Deadline: April 9

SABA Women, in partnership with Alabama Baptist Women, is thrilled to host Catherine Renfro for this powerful equipping event. Together, we'll dive into what it means to know Jesus and make Him known through everyday evangelism and Gospel conversations. God is moving in the hearts of women around us, and this is an incredible opportunity to connect, grow in our faith, and discover how we can make an impact where we live, work, and play.

Register online at sabachurches.com. Registration deadline is April 9.

Spring Open Classes

All classes begin in ROC Lobby

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

March 9, 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

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Children:

Name / Date of Birth

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March 9, 2025

March Missions Spotlight

Jose and Areli Perez (Missioteca/Global Mission Partner)

Missioteca is a collection of missional initiatives dedicated to eradicating theological famine in the Global South. The mission work of Jose and Areli through Missioteca involves walking alongside local churches in Guatemala to help them become healthy churches. If you would like to know more about the mission work of Missioteca or the Perezes, visit missioteca.org or email Jose at jose@missioteca.org. Also, if you would like to know how to pray for the Perezes, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries (Local Missions Partner)

The purpose of Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries is to protect, nurture, and restore children and families through Christ-centered services. The result we desire to see is hope and wholeness for children and families through knowing God. If you would like to know how you can pray for the ministry work of the ABCH, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk located in the Fellowship Center foyer. To learn more about the ministry endeavors of ABCH, contact Kim McGainey at kmcgainey@alabamachild.org or visit [facebook.com/alabamachild/](https://www.facebook.com/alabamachild/) or alabamachild.org.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

March 2

Life Group: 546
10:00 Worship: 738
5:00 Worship: 162
Hispanic Church: 121
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given March 2: \$51,949.25
Given Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): (\$42,603.11) as of 01/31/25

BIBLE READING PLAN

March 9-15

- Deut 17-19, Mark 14:10-31
- Deut 20-22, Mark 14:32-52
- Deut 23-25, Mark 14:53-72
- Deut 26-27, Mark 15:1-20
- Deut 28, Mark 15:21-47
- Deut 29-34, Mark 16:1-Luke 1:38

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/.

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
Charles Uptain..... Executive Pastor
Dan Tankersley..... Discipleship Pastor
Tommy Perry..... Missions

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, March 9:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

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Sunday, March 16:

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 16

10am

The Parable of the Net

Matthew 13:47-51

Message by Paul Thompson

5pm

Paul and the Missionary Imperative:

The Means, Method, and End of Missions

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday Schedule

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

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– Mark 8:36-37

