

A Life Worthy of the King

Colossians 1:9-14

A Message to the Faithful and Growing

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶ which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing ... (Col. 1:3-6a)

There is no plateau in the Christian life – only _____ or _____.

The Non-Negotiable Catalyst of All Growth – _____ (v. 9a)

If Paul believed growth in Christlikeness could be produced by human effort alone, he would have written a _____. Instead, he prayed.

_____ is our confession that we think we can live the Christian life without God.

A Mind Shaped by God (v. 9b)

Before Paul ever prayed about _____, he prayed about _____. He understood that conduct always flows from _____, and conviction always springs from the *mind* God has renewed.

There is no route to verse 10 except through verse 9.

- The unbreakable chain:
- No *epignōsis* (decisive, heart-gripping knowledge of God's will) = no _____ for life.
 - No *sophia* (Spirit-given wisdom) = no _____ to please Him.
 - No *synēsis* (penetrating understanding) = no bridge from truth to _____.

The Goal of Life – Pleasing the Lord (vv. 10-12a)

Everything in this prayer builds toward that one aim – walking worthy of King Jesus. What does it mean?

"Worthy" = _____. Your life matches the King you serve. "Fully pleasing" = You live for _____, not man's approval.

_____ in every good work
This is visible, practical, public Christianity.
_____ in the knowledge of God
Those who walk with God come to know Him more deeply.
_____ with all power
This is _____ power (Eph 1:19-20) for ordinary saints.
_____ to the Father
When you grasp all Christ has done – His death, His resurrection, His redemption – _____ becomes your natural response.

The Foundation – Everything Rests on What God Has Already Done (vv. 12b-14)

- Every command in this passage rests on divine _____:
1. He _____ Us.
He has supplied in Christ all that is necessary for us to stand in the inheritance of the saints in light.
 2. He _____ Us.
"Domain of darkness" means authority – complete rule and control.
God's decisive act: He rescued you. Pulled you out from under enemy rule.
 3. He _____ Us.
God didn't just rescue us. He *relocated* us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.
- What we possess in His kingdom:
_____ = liberation by purchase.
_____ = total release from guilt.

Christ bought your freedom, forgave your sin, and now rules your life.

Living the Gospel Forward

Grace doesn’t ask you to _____ your standing. It _____ you to live from it.

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
April 19, 2026

Sunday, April 19

10am Worship

At The Name Of Jesus.....Choir

Scripture Reading & Prayer Josh Robertson
John 6:35-40

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

Baptism

Bless God

Spirit Of The Living God

Prayer..... Rick Lance

Offering

Thank You Jesus For The Blood

Message Paul Thompson
A Life Worthy of the King
Colossians 1:9-14

Take My Heart With Altar Fire

Benediction Reagan Farris
Jude 24-25

²⁴ Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

5pm Worship

Scripture Reading & Prayer Charles Uptain

Baptism

Praise The King

I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever

Psalms 42 (Loudest Praise)

Corporate Prayer..... Ian Worrell

Message Paul Thompson
Joel: A Severe Mercy
Joel 1-2

Just As I Am

Vacation Bible School Registration is Open

June 15-19 | Grades 1-5

 In a world filled with worry and confusion, kids need to know there is a God who cares for them. At Emerald Crossing VBS, they'll journey through Ireland's lush landscapes, exploring the powerful words of Psalm 23. They'll discover the life of the shepherd-king David and will learn how to cross from worry to peace, from fear to faith, and from uncertainty to a firm foundation in God's Word through a relationship with the Good Shepherd.

Sunday, April 19 AM Worship

10am worship will meet in the Sanctuary on April 19 due to the Deacon/Widow lunch in the Fellowship Center.

Spring Missions Offering | Goal: \$100,000

One-third of the offering will support the North American Mission Board through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The remaining two-thirds of the offering will support Calvary's own church planting partnerships. One-third will go to **East Avenue Baptist Church in Ozark**, and one-third will go to **Neighborhood Church in New York**.

Help Us Care for One Another

If you become aware of a need within our church family, such as someone who is sick, hospitalized, or in need of encouragement, please contact the church office at 334-792-5159. This helps us ensure that every member is cared for well. Please don't assume the staff is already aware; your communication makes a difference.

Hope Explored

Sundays, April 12, 19 & 26 | 8:30am | Parlor
Continue exploring the hope of the gospel through Hope Explored, a 3-week course designed to help you discover the lasting hope found in Jesus. This class is ideal for those who are curious about Christianity. Invite a friend and come celebrate the hope we have in Christ.

Joy Prom Volunteers Needed

Sunday, May 3 | 5-7:30pm | Fellowship Center
Joy Prom is a full-scaled prom for people ages 13 and older with developmental or physical impairments. Volunteers need to arrive at 4:45pm. Email emily@calvarydothan.com if you would like to volunteer to cheer for everyone in the welcome line, dance and/or serve food.

Parent-Child Commitment Service

Sunday, May 10 | 10am Worship
If you are a member who would like to have your child dedicated, email joyce@calvarydothan.com before Wednesday, April 29 to get signed up. There is a **Parent-Child Commitment meeting** on Wednesday, May 6 at 6pm in the office conference room.

High School Senior Recognition Sunday

Sunday, May 17 | 10am Worship & Lunch
 If you are a graduating high school senior, please email your pictures and letter to samantha@calvarydothan.com. Use the QR code to RSVP for lunch by April 26.

Deacon Nominations Being Accepted

Nomination cards are available at the Next Steps table and can be dropped in the nomination boxes in the Fellowship Center or Sanctuary or you can email names to caren@calvarydothan.com.

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
April 19, 2026

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.

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April Missions Spotlight

Joe and Andi Carroll (Global Missions Partner)
The Carrolls live in Erbil, Iraq, among the Kurdish people. Joe serves as the pastor of Emmanuel Evangelical Church, which was planted in 2024. It is one of the few Kurdish-speaking churches in the city, which has a population of approximately 1 million. The Carrolls are working to help the church grow in health and strength so that it can be a light for the gospel in the region for years to come. To learn more about Joe and Andi's ministry, visit erbilbaptist.church. If you would like to know how to pray for the Carrolls, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

City Hope (Local Missions Partner)

City Hope is a ministry dedicated to bringing the gospel into foster homes by serving families and demonstrating the love of Christ. The City Hope team seeks to make much of Christ through this work and takes seriously the biblical mandate to care for orphans. To learn more about the ministry of City Hope, visit cityhopewiregrass.com or find them on Facebook at facebook.com/cityhopewiregrass. Prayer needs for City Hope are available on prayer cards at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

April 12
Life Group: 463
10:00 Worship: 636
5:00 Worship: 144
East Avenue Church: 111
Hispanic Church: 110
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund
Given April 12: \$55,925.22
Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): \$21,627.48
as of 03/31/26
Spring Missions Offering Y-T-D: \$45,902.36

BIBLE READING PLAN

April 19-25
Ps 109, Lev 15, Isa 19-20, Gal 1:1-10
Ps 110, Lev 16, Isa 21, Gal 1:11-24
Ps 111, Lev 17, Isa 22, Gal 2
Ps 112, Lev 18, Isa 23, Gal 3
Ps 113, Lev 19, Isa 24, Gal 4
Ps 114, Lev 20, Isa 25, Gal 5
Ps 115, Lev 21:1-22:16, Isa 26-27, Gal 6

Sunday Schedule

8:30am Life Groups
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
Steven Wilson..... Interim Worship
Tommy Perry..... Missions

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Ian Worrell

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, April 19:
Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791
Saturday, April 25:
Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765
Sunday, April 26:
Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 26
10am
The Center of Everything
Colossians 1:15-20
Message by Paul Thompson
5pm
Amos: Let Justice Flow
Amos 5:18-27
Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday Schedule

6:00pm Open Classes, D-Groups, & ESL
Classes
Birth-K5, Preschool Bldg
Grades 1-5, Chapel
Grades 6-12, Student Room
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

- Romans 12:2



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH