

From Hostile to Holy

Colossians 1:21-23

I once was – God’s _____ (v. 21)

“And you, who once were **alienated** and **hostile** in mind, doing **evil** deeds...”

Alienated means cut off from God’s _____ and _____. (Eph. 2:3; 2:12).

Hostile in mind means _____ to God’s rule. (Romans 8:7)

Doing evil deeds means that your hostility was not just in the heart. It showed in your _____. (Matthew 15:19)

This is total. Your condition, your thinking, and your actions all ran in the same direction – against God.

But now I am – _____ with God (v. 22a)

“He has now **reconciled** in His body of flesh by His death...”

Paul is not talking about your efforts. He is talking about God’s action.

In His body of flesh means real _____. (John 1:14)

By His death means a real _____. (Romans 5:10)

Reconciliation is the work of God, in Christ, through the cross. You did not make peace with God. God made peace with you.

So that I may be – _____ for His presence (v. 22b)

“...in order to **present you** holy and blameless and above reproach **before Him**...”

This is the purpose of reconciliation. Reconciliation is not the _____ – it is the _____ to an end.

This is biblical **sanctification**.

Definitive sanctification ...

Progressive sanctification ...

Holy means set apart as _____ to God. (1 Peter 2:9)

Blameless means no _____ in Christ. (Romans 8:33–34)

Above reproach means that no charge can stand. (Jude 24)

The final verdict is “qualified,” not “unqualified.”

This is already true of you in Christ, and it is being worked out in you over time.

If I continue – _____ (v. 23)

“If indeed you continue in the faith, **stable** and **steadfast, not shifting** from the hope of the gospel...”

This verse is not about God’s _____ toward you; it is about the _____ in you.

This is not the only warning passage in Scripture

Prospective passages
Hebrews 3:12-13; 10:26-27, 1 Corinthians 15:2

Retrospective passages
1 John 2:19, 2 Timothy 2:19, Matthew 7:23

The prospective passages press the question, “Will you hold fast?”

The retrospective passages answer the question, “Who really belonged?”

Conclusion: The Hope of the Gospel

The gospel is not advice about what you must do.

It is the announcement of what Christ has done.

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
May 3, 2026

Sunday, May 3

10am Worship

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving.....Paul Thompson
Ezekiel 36:25-27

²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Come Thou Fount

Baptism

I Set My Hope

Jesus Paid It All

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Confession & SupplicationJosh Robertson
1 John 1:5-10

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Offering

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

MessagePaul Thompson
From Hostile to Holy
Colossians 1:21-23

Ancient Of Days

BenedictionTommy Perry
2 Thessalonians 3:5
⁵ May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

No 5pm Worship

Join us in the Fellowship Center at 5pm for Joy Prom.

Joy Prom Volunteers Needed

Sunday, May 3 | 5-7:30pm | Fellowship Center

Joy Prom is a prom for ages 13 and older with developmental or physical impairments. Volunteers should arrive at 4:45pm. To help (welcome line, dancing, or food service), email emily@calvarydothan.com.

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 church planting partnerships: One-third to **East Avenue Baptist Church in Ozark**, and one-third to **Neighborhood Church in New York**.

Change for Life – Benefiting Wiregrass Hope
Calvary's Goal: \$1,000

Wiregrass Hope is one of our local mission partners, offering free pregnancy resources, parenting and fatherhood programs, biblical counseling, and relationship education—all centered on sharing the hope of Jesus Christ and valuing human life. Take a bottle, fill it with loose change, cash, or a check, and return it by Sunday, May 31 to support this important ministry. Baby bottles are located in the Sanctuary Foyer and Preschool desk.

Senior Adult Evangelism Conference
Monday, May 4 | First Baptist Church, Prattville

ENCOURAGE is a worship service for senior adults focused on evangelism and Christian living. Speakers include Edwin Jenkins and Jim Henry, with music by a southern gospel quartet, Greater Vision. Admission is free. Meet at Calvary at 7am; return 3-4pm. To sign up, call Angie in the church office, 334-792-5159.

Members Meeting
Sunday, May 17 | 5pm Worship

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

Vacation Bible School Registration is Open
June 15-19 | Grades 1-5 | 8:30am-12noon

 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 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.

Help Us Care for One Another

If you know of a need in our church family – such as someone who is sick, hospitalized, or in need of encouragement – contact the church office at 334-792-5159. This helps us care for everyone well. Please don’t assume the staff already knows; your call makes a difference.

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

May 3, 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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May Missions Spotlight

Northeastern Baptist College (Domestic Mission Partner – Bennington, VT)

NEBC seeks to impact the Northeast, the United States, and the world by training students to cultivate the mind of a scholar, the heart of a shepherd, and the perseverance of a soldier. This mission is accomplished through a college education grounded in a biblical foundation and marked by a distinctive blend of academic excellence and practical mentoring. NEBC provides an academically strong, biblically sound, and practically relevant college education from its campus strategically located in the Northeast. To learn about the ministry of NEBC, visit nebcvt.org. To learn how to pray for NEBC, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

Wiregrass Hope (Local Mission Partner)

Wiregrass Hope's mission is to share the hope of Christ, promote the value of 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. To learn about the ministry of Wiregrass Hope, visit facebook.com/wiregrasshopegroup. To learn how to pray for Wiregrass Hope, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

April 26

Life Group: 498
10:00 Worship: 659
5:00 Worship: 157
East Avenue Church: 108
Hispanic Church: 110
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given April 26: \$44,132.58
Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): \$21,627.48
as of 03/31/26
Spring Missions Offering Y-T-D:
\$70,038.81

BIBLE READING PLAN

May 3-9

- Ps 122, Num 2, Isa 39, Eph 6:10-24
- Ps 123, Num 3-4, Isa 40, Phil 1:1-26
- Ps 124, Num 5, Isa 41, Phil 1:27-2:11
- Ps 125, Num 6, Isa 42, Phil 2:12-30
- Ps 126, Num 7, Isa 43:1-44:5, Phil 3:1-4:1
- Ps 127, Num 8, Isa 44:6-28, Phil 4:2-23
- Ps 128, Num 9:1-14, Isa 45, Col 1:1-20

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

Lay Elders

Don Mills
(elder chairman)

Jed Downs
David Glover

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, May 3:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986
Saturday, May 9:
Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191
Sunday, May 10:
Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 10

10am

The Cost of Making Christ Known
Colossians 1:24-29
Message by Paul Thompson

5pm

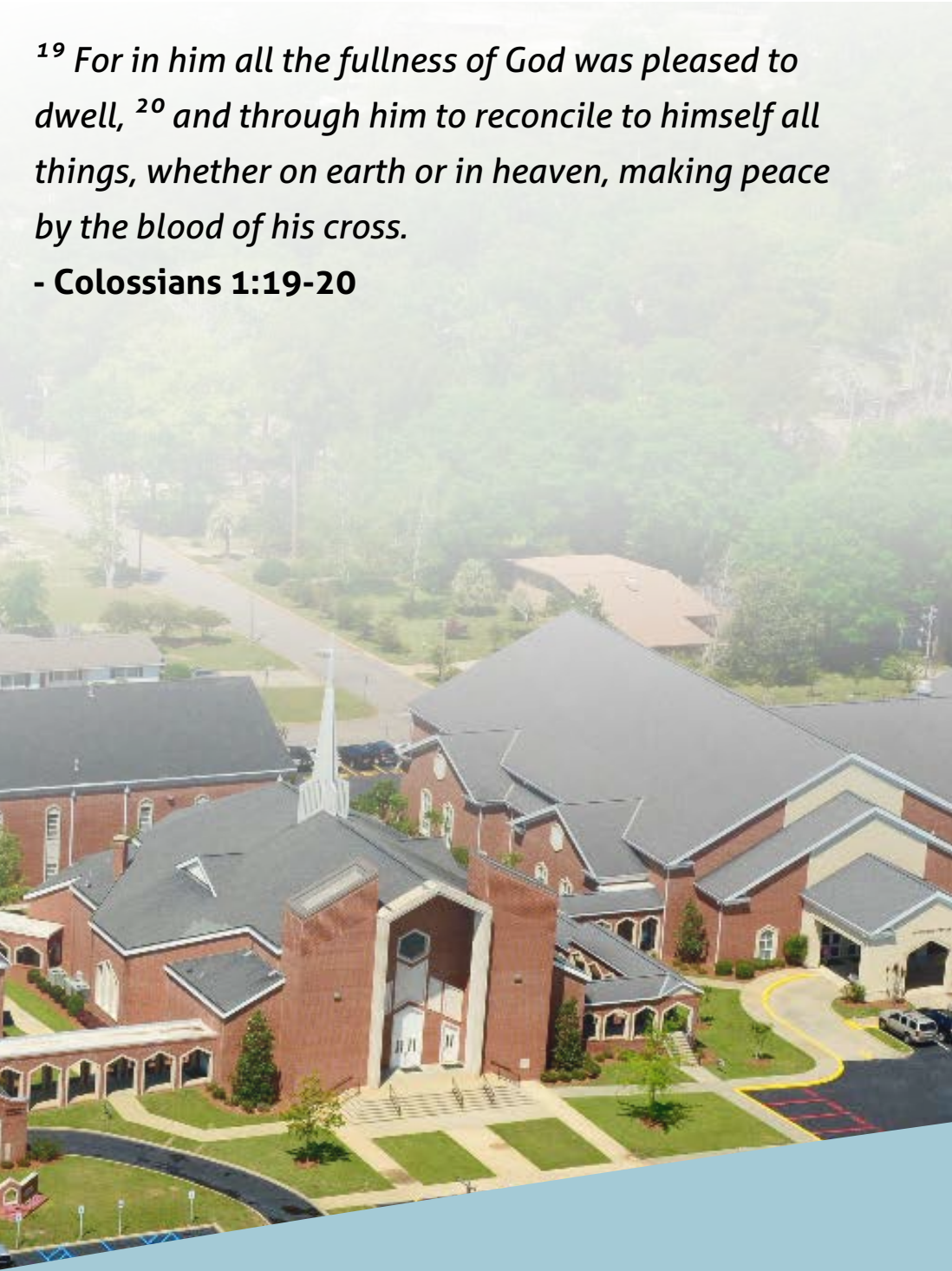
No PM Service

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

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

- Colossians 1:19-20



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH