Redeeming Grace
Philemon 8-14, 17

The Gospel of Grace: More Than Forgiveness

Grace is God's _____ toward sinners in Christ.

By grace God forgives our sins, removes our guilt, and receives us as His own.

But redeeming grace does more than _____ us. It _____ us.

God gives us new life, gives us His Spirit, and begins making us into people we could never make ourselves.

This is the language of redeeming grace all through the New Testament:

"We ourselves were once … but when…" (Titus 3:3-7)

"Such were some of you. But…" (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

"The old has passed away … the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Grace creates a _____ and an _____.

Useless To Useful: The Arc of Redeeming Grace – v. 10-13

10 I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment.
11 (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.)

Onesimus had left Philemon's household and apparently wronged him in some way. But during Paul's imprisonment, he came into Paul's orbit, heard the gospel, and became Paul's spiritual _____.

Grace has produced a decisive change: "_____."

The man coming home is not simply the man who left.

Grace does not erase our _____, but it changes the direction of our _____.

*Do you believe He can change **others**?*

*Do you believe God's grace can change **you**?*

What is Required: The Response of Redeeming Grace – v. 8-9, 14, 17

8 Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, 9 yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— 10 I appeal to you …

Our shared life in Christ creates real _____ toward one another.

Philemon's fellowship must now become _____ in the way he responds to Onesimus.

Paul knows what faithfulness _____, but he wants Philemon's response to arise willingly from _____.

Grace does not make obedience optional; it makes obedience _____.

"that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord." (v. 14)

"… if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me." (v. 17)

Paul does not ask Philemon merely to _____ Onesimus. He asks him to _____ him as he would receive Paul.

Grace must take shape in something _____.

Paul stands between two men he loves, using his relationship with each to seek their _____.

The grace we have received must shape the grace we are willing to _____.

Conclusion: Grace Makes Us Different People Who Treat People Differently

Onesimus shows us what redeeming grace does _____.

Philemon shows us what redeeming grace requires _____.

Where is redeeming grace changing me?

Where does the grace I have received need to change the way I treat someone else?

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
September 20, 2026

Sunday, September 20

10am Worship

All My Boast Is In Jesus

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Adoration & Thanksgiving ..... Charles Uptain
Ephesians 2:4-7

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

His Mercy Is More

Scripture Reading & Prayer ..... Tommy Perry
Psalm 145:8-18

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. 9 The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. 10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you! 11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, 12 to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. [The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.] 14 The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. 15 The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. 16 You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. 17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. 18 The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Offering

God of Every Grace

Message ..... Paul Thompson
Redeeming Grace
Philemon 8-14, 17

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Benediction ..... Reagan Farris
1 Peter 5:10-11

10 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. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

5pm Worship

Baptism

Scripture Reading & Prayer ..... Josh Robertson

How Great Thou Art ..... Kids Choir

Corporate Prayer ..... Dan Tankersley

Message ..... Josh Robertson
He Gave
John 3:16-17

God So Loved

Members Meeting ..... Charles Uptain

Discipleship Groups

Discipleship Groups (D-Groups) provide an essential environment for believers to build meaningful friendships, grow in accountability, and become deeply rooted in God's Word. These gender-specific groups of 3-5 believers meet weekly for the purpose of accelerated spiritual growth as they follow Jesus and make disciples.

To be a part of or lead a D-Group, call the church office or contact dan@calvarydothan.com.

Members Meeting

Sunday, September 20 | 5pm Worship

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

Elder & Deacon Ordination

Sunday, September 27 | 10am Worship

Join us as we pray over these men and commission them for faithful service to Christ and His Church.

Women's Coffee & Connect

Sunday, September 27 | 3pm | ROC Lobby

All women are invited to an afternoon of fellowship, meaningful conversation, encouragement, and connection.

1st Friday Men's Breakfast

Friday, October 2 | 6am | ROC

Speaker: Reagan Farris

All men are invited to join together for breakfast and a time of fellowship. Donations will be accepted for breakfast.

Meaningful Membership

Sundays, Oct 18, 25, & Nov 1 | 8:30am

Office Building Conference Room

This required membership class introduces prospective members to 1) what we believe and teach, 2) how we function together as a church, and 3) our church covenant.

Led by Dan Tankersley, Paul Thompson, & Charles Uptain

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

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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

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Connect Card

September 20, 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

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Name

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Address

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City

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State/Zip

❑ Male ❑ Female

❑ Married ❑ Single

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Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

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

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September Missions Spotlight

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 through Christ's love and grace. To learn more about the ministry of Wiregrass Hope, visit facebook.com/wiregrasshopegroup. Prayer needs for Wiregrass Hope are available on prayer cards located at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

Good Churches (Global Mission Partner)
Good Churches partners with churches and individuals in the United States to support and provide church-based programs that train national, indigenous pastors in strategic cities with significant gospel needs. Good Churches' primary aim is to plant healthy churches efficiently and effectively among unreached peoples. To learn more about Good Churches' work, visit goodchurches.org. Pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer for current prayer needs.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...
September 13
Life Group: 471
10:00 Worship: 698
5:00 Worship: 175
East Avenue Church: 62
Hispanic Church: 113
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...
General Fund
Given September 13: $52,582.83
Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): $(31,974.72)
as of 08/31/26

BIBLE READING PLAN
Sept 20-26
○ Ps 50, 2 Sam 10, Ezek 10:1-11:13, Luke 13:10-35
○ Ps 51, 2 Sam 11, Ezek 11:14-25, Luke 14
○ Ps 52, 2 Sam 12, Ezek 12, Luke 15
○ Ps 53, 2 Sam 13, Ezek 13, Luke 16:1-17:10
○ Ps 54, 2 Sam 14:1-24, Ezek 14-15, Luke 17:11-37
○ Ps 55, 2 Sam 14:25-15:12, Ezek 16, Luke 18:1-30
○ Ps 56, 2 Sam 15:13-16:14, Ezek 17, Luke 18:31-19:27

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

STAFF ON CALL
Sunday, September 20:
Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791
Saturday, September 26:
Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765
Sunday, September 27:
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SERMON SCHEDULE
Sunday, September 27

10am
Restoring Providence
Philemon 12-16
Message by Paul Thompson

5pm
A Prayer for Power to be Filled with God
Ephesians 3:14-19
Message by Moses Odhiambo

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

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/.

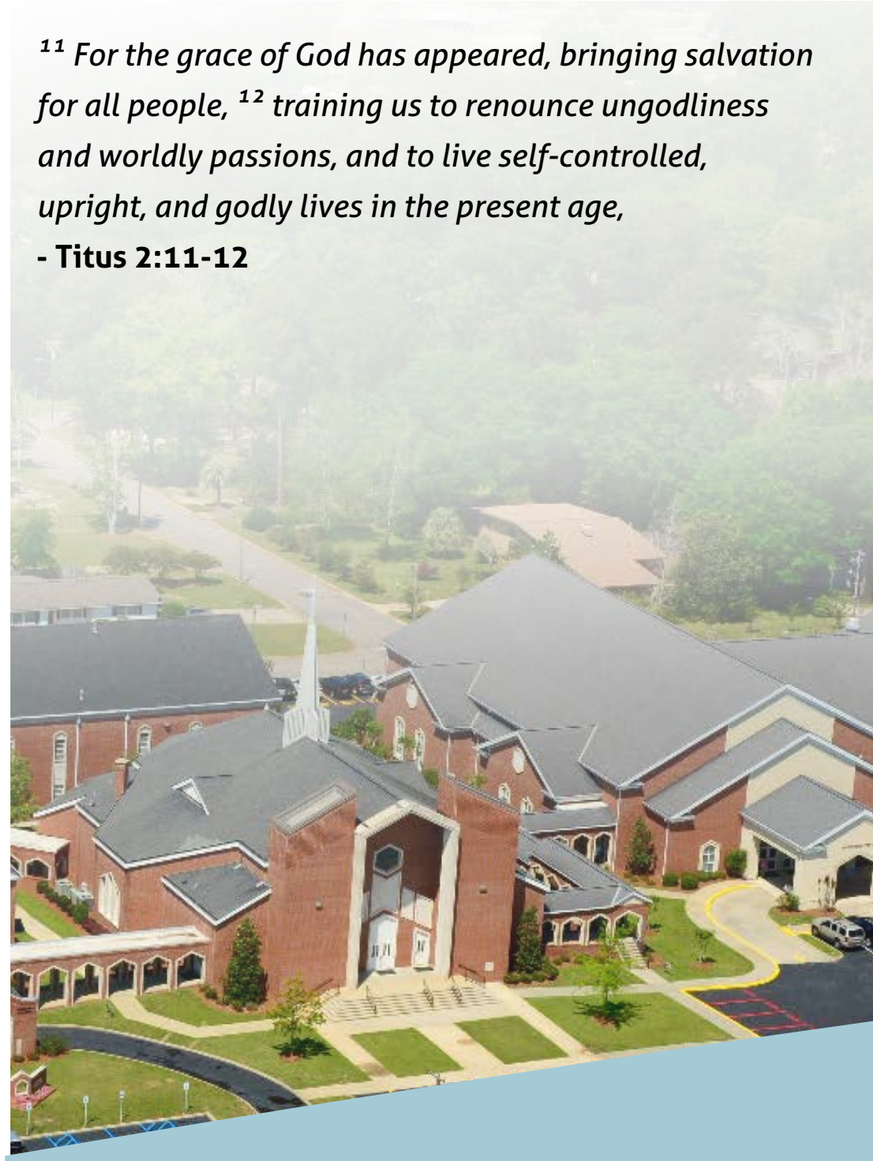
If you would like to view a pdf of today's AM sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/messages.

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson	Senior Pastor
Charles Uptain	Executive Pastor
Dan Tankersley	Discipleship Pastor
Zac Whitehead	Worship
Tommy Perry	Missions
Joyce Alexander	Preschool
Josh Robertson	Children
Stephanie Tankersley	Children's Worship
Reagan Farris	Students
Randy Hunt	Pastoral Care
Zach Daniels	East Avenue Baptist Church

Lay Elders
Don Mills (elder chairman)
Jed Downs
Dave Lindey
Sam Tarwater
Ian Worrell

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,
- Titus 2:11-12



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