

Ready Obedience
Philemon 20-25

Introduction – When Knowing Isn't Enough

Paul has made his appeal. Philemon knows what is being asked of him. Now that appeal must become _____.

Willing Obedience Is Motivated by _____ – v. 20

“Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.”

Paul appeals to Philemon's _____.
Philemon has refreshed the hearts of the saints (v. 7).
Paul has called Onesimus his own heart (v. 12).
Now he asks Philemon to refresh his heart (v. 20).

Paul is appealing to Philemon to _____ the grace that has already _____ him.

Willing Obedience Goes Beyond the _____ – v. 21

“Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.”

Paul expresses _____ in Philemon's obedience.
He knows Philemon's character and expects him to respond _____.

Willing obedience doesn’t ask, “What is the _____ I can do?” but “How can I best _____ Christ?”

Willing Obedience Is Sustained by _____ – vv. 22-25

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.”

The letter ends where the Christian life must continue: in _____ upon the grace of Christ.

God often ministers His sustaining _____ to us through the fellowship, prayers, and encouragement of other _____.

Conclusion: A Heart Ready to Obey

Christ transforms not only what we ____, but what we _____.

Obedience is no longer merely a duty we reluctantly perform; it becomes the willing response of a heart changed by _____.

Epilogue: Another Chapter in the Story?

Decades later, Ignatius wrote about a bishop of Ephesus named Onesimus and used language that strikingly echoes Philemon 20. Christian tradition identifies him with Paul’s Onesimus, but we cannot establish that they were the same man.

The gospel doesn't merely change what we _____. It changes how we _____, how we _____ one another, and ultimately, who we _____.

That's *the shape of the gospel*.

Sunday, October 11

10am Worship

Psalm 150 (Praise The Lord)

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Adoration..... Charles Uptain
Psalm 111:1-4, 9-10

111 Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. ² Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. ³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful. ⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Great Things

To God Be The Glory

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving.....Reagan Farris
Titus 3:3-7

³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Offering

Psalm 90 (Satisfy Us With Your Love)

Message Paul Thompson
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O Great God

Benediction Dan Tankersley
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

WelcomeZac Whitehead

Completely Known, Completely Loved

God Of Every Grace

Corporate Prayer.....Reagan Farris

Message Paul Thompson
He Knows Us - And He Welcomes Us
Hebrews 4:13-16

Before The Throne Of God Above

Senior Adult Weekly Fellowship
Tuesdays beginning October 6 | 10am | Parlor

Join us each Tuesday for games, activities, conversation, and fellowship, with the occasional field trip mixed in along the way.

This is a great opportunity for senior adults to stay connected, build friendships, and enjoy Christian fellowship or even witness to the lost. Be sure to spread the word to your parents, grandparents, neighbors, and friends.

SABA Fall Food Drive

Kick off Fall with a food drive for YOUR Ministry Center. The food drive will run throughout October, and drop boxes will be placed in the Children and Preschool areas, ROC, and Fellowship Center Foyer. Thank you for your generosity in serving our community.

Pray for the Vermont Mission Team
October 17-24

Participants are Duane Haley, David and Lauren Malphurs, Kevin Rodgers, Roger and Judy Simpler, Billy & Debbie Thornton, and Larry and Sharon Tolleson.

Parent-Child Commitment Service
Sunday, October 25 | 10am Worship

If you are a member who would like to have your child dedicated, email joyce@calvarydothan.com before Wednesday, October 7 to get signed up. There is a Parent-Child Commitment meeting on Wednesday, October 14 at 6pm in the office conference room.

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

Father & Son Retreat
Friday & Saturday, November 6-7 | Camp Victory
\$50 for 2 (father & son) | \$15 each additional person

This retreat is for school age boys and up. Meals are included. Register at campvictoryal.org/events. Check in is Friday 5-6:30pm | Supper at 6:30pm Retreat ends Saturday around 3pm Activities include fishing, hiking, boating, mini-golf, and more.

D-Now Weekend: Space Feuds
November 20-22 | For Grades 6-12

 **\$125.00 per person**
Register online at calvarydothan.com now through November 8.
Host homes are needed! If you would like to volunteer your home, contact samantha@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

October 11, 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

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Female

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Single

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Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

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October Missions Spotlight

City Hope (Local Mission Partner)

City Hope is a ministry committed to bringing the light of the gospel into foster homes by serving and demonstrating the love of Christ. The City Hope team seeks to exalt Christ through this work and faithfully obeys the Scriptural mandate to care for orphans. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of City Hope, go to cityhopewiregrass.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/cityhopewiregrass. City Hope prayer needs can be found on prayer cards at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

Steve & Toni Chambers (Neighborhood Church UWS)

Steve and Toni moved to NYC in the Fall of 2017 with the intent of planting a church in the city. By God's grace, that became a reality, and Neighborhood Church was born. Steve's mission for the church is simple: Love God and Love Your Neighbor. To see how you can pray for the Chambers' ministry work, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer. Additionally, if you would like to learn more about the ministry work of the Chambers in NYC, visit facebook.com/neighborhoodchurchuws or neighborhoodchurchuws.com.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

October 4

Life Group: 414

10:00 Worship: 566

5:00 Worship: 132

East Avenue Church: 91

Hispanic Church: 117

Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given October 4: \$70,646.10

Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): (\$31,974.72)

as of 08/31/26

BIBLE READING PLAN

Oct 11-17

Ps 71, 1 Kgs 6, Ezek 33, Rom 5:1-11

Ps 72, 1 Kgs 7, Ezek 34, Rom 5:12-21

Ps 73, 1 Kgs 8:1-21, Ezek 35, Rom 6

Ps 74, 1 Kgs 8:22-66, Ezek 36, Rom 7

Ps 75, 1 Kgs 9:1-9, Ezek 37, Rom 8:1-17

Ps 76, 1 Kgs 9:10-10:29, Ezek 38, Rom 8:18-39

Ps 77, 1 Kgs 11, Ezek 39, Rom 9:1-29

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

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

Tommy Perry..... Missions Pastor

Josh Robertson..... Children's Pastor

Zac Whitehead..... Worship

Joyce Alexander..... Preschool

Stephanie Tankersley..... Children's Worship

Reagan Farris..... Students

Randy Hunt..... Pastoral Care

Zach Daniels..... East Avenue Baptist Church

Lay Elders

Don Mills (chairman)

Jed Downs

Dave Lindey

Jeff Spears

Sam Tarwater

Ian Worrell

27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

- Ezekiel 36:27

WELCOME TO

Calvary

BAPTIST CHURCH