

Echoes of Calvary

Weekly Newsletter - 37 | 21st Sep - 27th Sep '2026

Dear family in Christ,

Grace and peace to you as we enter the **Week of Loving as Christ Loved**. As we continue to grow in holiness, we are reminded that a life transformed by Christ must also become a life that loves others. Christian love is more than affection or emotion. It is a choice to seek another person's good, to show patience when it is difficult, to forgive when we have been hurt, and to serve even when there is nothing to gain in return.

Jesus did not simply teach about love—He demonstrated it with His entire life. He loved the overlooked, welcomed the rejected, forgave those who wounded Him, served His disciples, and ultimately gave His life for us. The more we understand His love, the more our own lives should begin to reflect it.

Scripture of the Week:

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." — **John 13:34**

This Week's Practice: Making Christ's Love Visible

Lifestyle of Jesus: A Life of Self-Giving Love

Jesus' love was never limited to people who were easy to love. He reached out to those whom society ignored and showed compassion to those who were hurting. He ate with people others rejected, touched those others avoided, and offered grace to those who had failed. His love was active.

Sometimes Christlike love looks like forgiveness. Sometimes it looks like patience. Sometimes it means listening to someone who needs to be heard. Sometimes it means speaking the truth gently. And sometimes it simply means being present with someone who is hurting.

This week, we pause and ask:

- Is my love for others becoming more like the love of Jesus?
- Who is difficult for me to love, forgive, or understand?
- Do my words and actions make people feel valued and respected?
- Where is Christ asking me to love someone sacrificially?

Am I more concerned about appearing righteous before people or becoming holy before God?

Events that happened in 38th week (21st Sep – 27th Sep) of 2026 to seek the fruit of the Word sown in your daily prayers:

Get-Together, Pune, 23rd Sept'26— The Gospel Reaching Beyond Borders

Today's gathering was a joyful and blessed gathering, as people from different parts of Pune and surrounding areas—listeners of radio and viewers of



television and social media—came together with one desire: to hear the Word of God, share what God has done in their lives, and be strengthened in faith. Despite the prevailing circumstances, prayers were offered together in one accord, trusting God to make a way, and He graciously opened the door. Many shared heartfelt testimonies of how God's Word and the ministry had encouraged them,

strengthened their families, and brought spiritual blessing into their lives. It was especially encouraging to see Hindi TV and social media viewers outnumbering Telugu viewers, reflecting how the Gospel is reaching new places and people across different language groups. Everyone had the opportunity to personally meet Dr. N. Jayapaul Ayyagaru, share their testimonies, and receive prayer.

The gathering brought together people from different churches, languages, cultures, and regions with a common desire to worship God and grow in His Word. The message carried a strong burden to take the Gospel beyond familiar places and reach people across India, while highlighting the need for the present generation, especially Gen Z, to store God's Word in their hearts rather than allowing technology and information to take its place. The importance of peace within families was also emphasized, encouraging husbands and wives to love, pray for, and allow God to change one another, with Christ as the head of the family. Everyone was reminded to guard their hearts from being controlled by food, entertainment, appearance, worldly attractions, and the excessive pursuit of knowledge, and instead give Christ the first place in life. The gathering concluded with a call to personally experience Christ—not merely to be a church-going Christian—and to maintain a continuous life of faith, prayer, and surrender. **To God alone be all the glory!**

Bible references

Genesis 3:4–6 Jeremiah 1:4–5 Psalm 119:11 John 14:6 Romans 3:23

Key notes from message

- ✓ God has brought us together from different churches, different languages and different cultures so that we can worship one God, learn more of His Word and come closer to Him.
- ✓ The Gospel has power to change people completely. A sinful life can be changed, a broken family can be brought together, and young people can give their lives to Christ.
- ✓ When the Lord touches our life, the question should be, **“Lord, what is Your will for my life?”** Our future, studies, abilities and everything we have can be surrendered to Him.
- ✓ God's work does not happen overnight. It happens step by step, as we continue faithfully in what God has given us to do.
- ✓ The purpose of ministry is not to divide churches or build our own kingdom, but to strengthen the people who are already in the churches and make them a blessing to their own churches.
- ✓ A home should have space for God. Prayer, praise and the Word of God should be heard in our homes and should become a blessing even to our neighbours and relatives.
- ✓ Husbands and wives should love one another, bear with one another and pray for one another. **Don't try to change your partner; allow God to change the heart of your partner.**
- ✓ The first family was enjoying the presence of God, but the problem began when Satan entered and questioned God's Word.
- ✓ Satan's temptation is to make us think, **“Why should I obey God? I can live according to my own will. I can become my own authority.”**
- ✓ When we always think, **“I am right and the other person is wrong,”** pride and selfishness begin to destroy our relationships.
- ✓ There are so many attractions in the world today—food, clothes, ornaments, movies, entertainment and everything that catches our eyes. We have to be careful because what attracts the eyes can also spoil the heart.
- ✓ The present generation has Google, social media, mobile phones and ChatGPT to find almost any information within seconds, but **what is happening inside the brain?** If everything is simply searched, nothing is being stored in the heart and mind.
- ✓ When Jesus becomes the head of the family, there can be peace and harmony in the home.

- ✓ Don't say about your husband, wife or children, **"He will never change"** or **"She will never change."** Nothing is impossible for God. Jesus can change sinners and bring transformation into a person's life.
- ✓ Jesus must not be given whatever time is left after everything else is finished. **First my wife, first my children, first my job, first my sleep, first my food** cannot be the order of our lives. God must have the first place.
- ✓ **"Seek first the kingdom of God"** has to become a practical priority rather than only a verse that we know.
- ✓ A person can attend church faithfully and still have a heart that is not right with God. The important question is, **"What is the present situation of my heart before God?"**
- ✓ The blood of Christ is what cleanses us from sin. Good works, religious background or somebody else's prayers cannot take the place of personal salvation through Christ.
- ✓ We need a personal encounter with Jesus. We should be able to say that we have personally experienced His forgiveness rather than simply being a church-going Christian.
- ✓ A believer should not remain spiritually unconnected like a light that has no connection to power. **When you are connected to God, you will rise and shine.**

Friday Fasting Service 25th Sept'26:

Revive the Work – Rise and Build Again

Today's fasting prayer carried a strong message from Ezra chapters 4–6 about remaining faithful to the work God has entrusted to us. The message reminded



everyone that when the people began rebuilding the temple, opposition arose and the work was forced to stop for a time. Yet, through the ministry of Haggai and Zechariah, the people rose again, resumed the work, and continued until it was completed. The same truth was applied to personal life and ministry: problems, discouragement, financial difficulties, criticism, health challenges, and opposition should not make us abandon what God has entrusted to us. **The work may stop for a time,**

but it must start again. Everyone was encouraged to rise again, continue the journey, and faithfully complete the work God has given them, offering Him their **best time, best things, and best work** and remaining faithful until the end.

Bible Reading & references

Chapters 4 and 5 from the Book of Ezra were read repeatedly and meditated upon, with its timeless teachings woven throughout the sermon.

2 Chronicles 36:22–23 Jeremiah 29:10–14 2 kings 17:33

Key notes from message

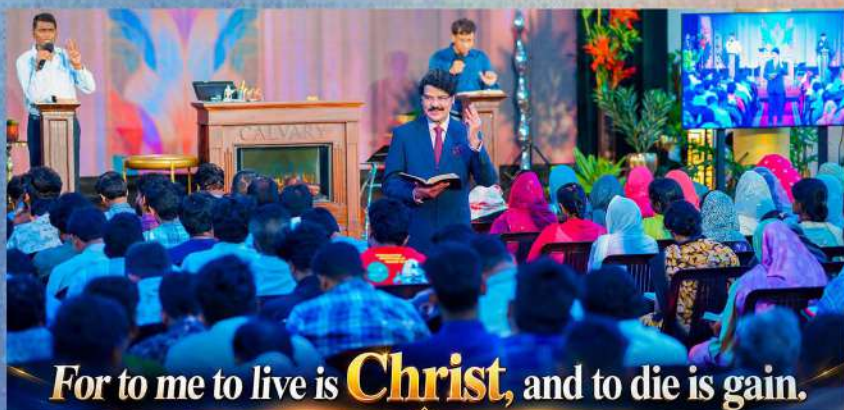
- ✓ When God's people begin doing His work, opposition can come. The enemy does not remain quiet when something is being done for God.
- ✓ The enemy can use different ways to stop God's work—discouragement, false accusations, wrong reports, influence, authority, financial difficulties and many other obstacles.
- ✓ Some people may come saying, **“We also believe in your God; we also want to work with you,”** but every association is not necessarily a God-given partnership. God's people have to recognize whether those joining them are truly standing with the Lord.
- ✓ The people of Israel had returned with God's permission and had started rebuilding the temple, but starting God's work did not mean that there would be no problems.
- ✓ The presence of opposition does not mean that God has not called us. Sometimes opposition itself comes because the work being done is God's work.
- ✓ The work of the temple stopped for a period, but it did not have to remain stopped forever. When God's time came, the work started again.
- ✓ Haggai and Zechariah spoke God's Word, and Zerubbabel and Jeshua rose again and began building. God's Word brought strength to people who had become discouraged.
- ✓ **The work of God must not stop.** Problems may come, people may oppose, circumstances may become difficult, but the work entrusted by God has to continue.
- ✓ Don't remain among those who say, **“Problems came, difficulties came, suffering came, so I stopped.”** There is a God who can deliver us from all these things and give us strength to continue.
- ✓ The sermon brought this into personal life: **“God has put me here; I will do the work He has given me.”** Whether there is appreciation or criticism, sickness or financial difficulty, honour or humiliation, the work of God should continue.
- ✓ A person may become weak, but God's grace is sufficient. When human strength is not enough, the answer is to look toward the Lord and depend upon His strength.
- ✓ The examples of Saul and Judas were used to show that when a person fails to carry what God entrusted to them, another person may be raised up, but the person who abandoned the calling is the one who loses the blessing and privilege.
- ✓ The ministry should not be treated as something casual. Every opportunity, every moment and every resource should be used for the work God has given.

- ✓ The best things in life should be given to God—the **best time, best work and best of what we have**. The decision should be, **“The best in my life belongs to my God.”**
- ✓ When everything around us is changing, the believer's eyes have to remain fixed on Jesus. Looking backward can make us fall, looking sideways can distract us, but looking toward Jesus helps us continue forward.
- ✓ In the last days, when faith becomes weak and love becomes cold, the life of a believer should still show the love of Christ and continue growing in Christlikeness.
- ✓ **There is no greater help than the help of prayer.**
- ✓ The message finally becomes a personal challenge: **whatever God has placed in our hands, finish it**. Don't stop halfway, don't turn back because of opposition, and don't allow difficulties to make you abandon what God has entrusted to you.
- ✓ The goal is to reach the end of the journey faithfully—to be able to say that the work God gave us was completed and that we remained faithful until the end.

Sunday Worship on 27th Sept'26 - 1st Service:

A New Creation Begins with a New Heart

Today's Sunday worship service reflected on God's everlasting love and the



promise of a **new heaven and a new earth** from Revelation 21.

The message reminded us that through Christ's sacrifice, God desires to make our lives new, calling us to repentance, spiritual rebirth, holiness, and a life surrendered to Him. Everyone was

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encouraged to bring their burdens and tears to Jesus, examine the condition of their hearts, and guard against anything that takes God's place. Through prayer, the work of the Holy Spirit, and the cleansing power of Christ's blood, the message called us to live faithfully for Christ, with the hope expressed in Philippians 1:21:

“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

Bible Reading & references

Chapter 21 from the book of Revelation was read repeatedly and meditated upon, with its timeless teachings woven throughout the sermon.

Revelation 4:1-2

Philippians 1:21–24

1 Corinthians 6:9–11

Nehemiah 2:1–8

Key notes from message

- ✓ God's love does not leave us, forget us or abandon us. He carries us, embraces us and wipes away our tears.
- ✓ God's correction and discipline are also part of His love. Even when He rebukes and corrects us, it is for our good and to change us more into His likeness.
- ✓ The world we are living in is filled with pollution, artificial things, selfishness, greed, lies, stealing and other forms of evil. People have forgotten the God who created heaven and earth.
- ✓ God is preparing a new heaven and a new earth, but if the people remain the same, even a new heaven and new earth would become like the old one. God wants a new creation and new people.
- ✓ Jesus Christ came into this world and shed His blood on the cross. When sinners receive His sacrifice and His blood, they become a new creation.
- ✓ A person needs to experience a new birth in the spirit. Everyone has two birthdays—one physical birthday and one spiritual birthday.
- ✓ The language of heaven is the language of love. Where there is real love, there is no competition; there is comfort, peace and harmony.
- ✓ The Lord's coming is very near, and these are dangerous days. Satan is trying to prevent people from going to heaven.
- ✓ When you come to church, bring all your worries, but don't take them back. Leave them at the feet of Jesus. He will forgive, remove sin and wipe away your tears.
- ✓ Pain gives a warning. When there is pain, something is wrong. In the same way, spiritual pain can show that something is wrong inside a person's life.
- ✓ The question is whether the conscience is still sensitive—whether there is pain when we lie, when somebody blames us, or when we do something wrong.
- ✓ Jesus suffered on the cross and carried our sins and our pain. His blood brings the remedy for our sin and suffering.
- ✓ The heart has to be examined. Revelation 21:8 gives a warning concerning those who continue in unbelief, sin and unrighteousness.
- ✓ Jesus is ready to forgive. We have all sinned against God, and Christ came to wash and cleanse us from our sins through His blood.
- ✓ Whatever is loved more than God becomes an idol. Celebrities, sports stars and even pastors can become idols when they are given a place greater than God.
- ✓ The mobile phone should not become our god, and ChatGPT should not become our counsellor or the one we go to for everything.
- ✓ The Holy Spirit convicts people of sin when the Word of God is preached and when there is time for prayer. He shows what is inside the heart like a mirror.

- ✓ Sanctification means being purified and not continually returning to the same sin. The example was given of gold being purified through fire.
- ✓ The Holy Spirit's fire came upon the disciples, and after they were filled and empowered, they were used by God to preach the Gospel and even to die as witnesses for Christ.
- ✓ The Lord wants all the members of the church to be in heaven. Nobody can give another person a certificate saying that they are a good believer; each person has to examine their own life.
- ✓ The heart has to be examined: whether it is broken and sensitive or whether it has become hard like a stone; whether there is repentance when we sin or rebellion against God.
- ✓ Secret sins, wrong desires, bad habits, lies, addictions and anything that is not right before God have to be confessed before Him. Jesus is ready to forgive and give a new heart and a new nature.

2nd Service: Where the Lord Is, There Is True Life.

Today's second worship service, conducted in Telugu and Tamil, reminded us of God's unfailing care and His promise to carry us throughout every season of life.



From **Isaiah 46, Isaiah 65, and Revelation 21**, the message encouraged parents to pray for their children, families to build their homes around God's presence, and everyone to turn away from sinful patterns through repentance and faith in Christ. We were reminded to love and honour our

parents, trust God even when prayers are not answered as expected, bring every pain and burden to Jesus, and remain sensitive to Him with a humble and repentant heart. Looking toward the **new heaven and new earth**, where God will wipe away every tear and there will be no death, sorrow, or pain, everyone was encouraged to remember that this world is temporary, seek God's direction in every decision, and follow Jesus faithfully as **the Way, the Truth, and the Life**.

Bible Reading & references

Chapter 65 from the book of Isaiah was read repeatedly and meditated upon, with its timeless teachings woven throughout the sermon.

Isaiah 46:3–4

Revelation 21

John 14:2–3

Psalms 51:17

Ephesians 5:22-25

Hebrews 11:10

Daniel 3

Colossians 3:2

Key notes from message

- ✓ God carries us from the time we are in our mother's womb until our old age; earthly parents are temporary, but God is our everlasting Father.
- ✓ Marriage is not merely for physical desire; it is part of God's plan for a husband and wife to become parents, raise children, and take responsibility for the life God gives them.
- ✓ The child developing in the womb is affected by the health and condition of the parents, so parents must be careful about their lives and begin praying for their children even from the time of pregnancy.
- ✓ The sins and wrong patterns of parents can affect the children and continue through generations, but a child is not destined to repeat the sinful life of the parents; repentance, prayer, and turning to Christ are necessary to break such patterns.
- ✓ Children are a reward from the Lord, and parents have a responsibility to bring them up in the fear of God and in His Word.
- ✓ David prayed, fasted, and pleaded with God for his sick child, but when the child died, David accepted what had happened and did not turn against God. When an answer to prayer is different from what we expected, we should not lose our faith or turn against God.
- ✓ We should honour and love our parents while they are alive rather than waiting until after their death to show them love and respect.
- ✓ People can become occupied with food, drink, clothing, earning, and the things of this world while forgetting the eternal life that God has prepared.
- ✓ God has promised a new heaven and a new earth where there will be no death, sorrow, crying, pain, old age, or the things that trouble us in this present world.
- ✓ In the new creation, God Himself will dwell with His people; His glory will be their light, and there will be no darkness, because the presence of God will be there.
- ✓ Jesus has gone to prepare a place for His people, and He is the way, the truth, and the life.
- ✓ A Christian family should be built around the presence of God; husband and wife should live together, pray together, and make their home a place where God is honoured.
- ✓ The size or appearance of a house is not what matters; where the Lord is present, that is what matters.
- ✓ A broken and contrite heart, repentance, tears, and genuine sorrow for sin are necessary before God.
- ✓ **Marriage requires love, submission, forgiveness, patience, and understanding** between husband and wife; **physical violence has no place in the Christian home.**
- ✓ Abraham looked forward to the city whose builder and maker is God, showing that the believer's hope is not limited to this present world.

- ✓ The three men who were thrown into the fiery furnace remained with God even in the fire; the presence of the Lord was with them in their suffering.
- ✓ The Word of God should guide our lives like a GPS, and everything should begin with prayer and seeking God's will before taking a step.
- ✓ The ultimate emphasis is to prepare for heaven, examine our hearts, repent of sin, obey God, and follow the footsteps of Jesus.

Youth meeting, Saturday, 26th Sept'26:

This Saturday's youth meeting was held with a special burden for young people, with the vision of gathering every Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM for prayer, fellowship, and spiritual growth. The meeting began with individual prayer, followed by united prayer and worship through song before introducing the day's topic. The youth were then divided into smaller groups where they freely shared their thoughts, experiences, and testimonies, creating a meaningful time of interaction and encouragement.

Each group also spent time praying together, bringing their personal burdens and needs before God, and the meeting concluded with a general prayer. It was a meaningful beginning to this regular youth fellowship, providing a space for young people to pray together, share openly, encourage one another, and grow in faith. Please continue to pray that this fellowship will grow steadily, that many more young people will join, and that these gatherings will become a blessing and a means of drawing the next generation closer to Christ. **To God alone be all the glory!**

Upcoming Events to add in your daily prayers:

- Monday, Zoom live session – 9:00 PM
- Get-together, **Vizag** - Date will be announced shortly
- **Sunrise service** at 4am, Chennai – 02nd Oct'26
- Wednesday Fasting Prayer — 7:00 PM.
- Friday Fasting Prayer — 7:00 PM.
- Saturday Youth meeting – 3:00 PM

**May the Lord teach you His ways and strengthen you
to walk as Jesus walked! Amen!**

**With love,
Dr. N. Jayapaul,
Calvary Church Chennai.**