

# The Fight of Your Life

## Why Fight Sin?

"... *sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.*"  
- Genesis 4:7b

### Let's Start with the Gospel:

*The victory over sin has already been won in Christ. The good news of the gospel is that Jesus has defeated sin, death, and evil through his own death and resurrection and is making all things new, even us.* (Jonathan K. Dodson)

**Romans 6:6-14** tells us:

We have been \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ. We are not our \_\_\_\_\_ anymore.

Sin no longer \_\_\_\_\_ us. We are not its \_\_\_\_\_ anymore. We now serve \_\_\_\_\_.

However, the battle to \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ continues till death.

We can \_\_\_\_\_ to not allow sin to regain its former dominance. It still wants to \_\_\_\_\_ us.

Our confidence is that we are under \_\_\_\_\_, which grants us \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3 Things We All Must Do If We Are Going To Win Against Sin:

1. I must \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I must \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I must \_\_\_\_\_.

I must take God seriously because He is \_\_\_\_\_. (Isaiah 6:1-5)

God's holiness \_\_\_\_\_ me.

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*"Our time will surely go down in history, at least as far as the West is concerned, as the age of the God-shrinkers ..."*

- J.I. Packer, Rediscovering Holiness

I must take sin seriously because it will \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 7:23-25, James 1:15)

Sin can destroy my \_\_\_\_\_.

Sin can destroy my \_\_\_\_\_.

Sin can destroy my \_\_\_\_\_.

Sin can destroy my \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

Sin can destroy my \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Be killing sin or it will be killing you."*

- John Owen

I must take the fight against seriously because \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Col 3:5, Romans 8:13)

Fighting sin is fighting for \_\_\_\_\_.

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Fighting sin is fighting for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

... and so much more!

*"If you are fighting sin, you are alive. Take heart. But if sin holds sway unopposed, you are dead, no matter how lively this sin makes you feel."*

- John Owen

*Dr. Paul Thompson  
Calvary Baptist Church  
April 18, 2021*

### Baptism Sunday | May 2

If you would like to talk to a pastor or elder about baptism, please contact Angie in the church office.

### Membership Matters

If you are considering membership at Calvary, please join us for Membership Matters on Sunday, April 25, at 8:30 am in the Parlor. Call Angie Tice in the church office or email [angie@calvarydothan.com](mailto:angie@calvarydothan.com) to RSVP.

### Secret Church Simulcast with David Platt

**Friday, April 23 | 6:00 pm-midnight | Fellowship Center | Cost: \$5**

Call the church office to register or email [careen@calvarydothan.com](mailto:careen@calvarydothan.com).

### Vacation Bible School Volunteers

There are many opportunities to make disciples of the boys and girls who will be attending this year's VBS, June 14-18! Please consider serving and join our team. For more information or to sign-up, visit [calvarydothan.com/vbs/](http://calvarydothan.com/vbs/).

### Women's Ministry Events

**Coffee & Connect:** Sunday, May 2, 3:00 pm, Parlor

**Women's D-Group Training Event:** Coming Fall 2021

### Student Summer Camp!

**Global Youth Camp | July 12-16 | Cost: \$299 | 6th-12th Grade**

Calvary Students are heading to Global Youth Camp this Summer! They will be attending the Blue Ridge Campus in Black Mountain, NC. There is something about pulling away from our normal environments and routine and focusing intensely on God and his Word that is simply transforming. This camp is a blast and full of activities, recreation, leadership development, unity building, and powerful moments of worship and study. We hope you will join us! Register online at [calvarydothan.com](http://calvarydothan.com).

### Parent-Child Commitment Service

**Sunday, May 9 | 10:00 am Worship**

Please email [joyce@calvarydothan.com](mailto:joyce@calvarydothan.com) if you would like to be a part of this special commitment time with your new child.

### Registration for Men's Church League Softball is now open!

Men's Church League will play on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Westgate Park.

Tentative league schedule: May 24 through July 15

Cost is \$25 per player and registration forms can be obtained at the church office. Registration **form and fee MUST** be turned in to the church office by April 30. Contact Tommy Perry at 792-5159 or [tommy@calvarydothan.com](mailto:tommy@calvarydothan.com) with any questions.

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

**Thursday, May 6 | 2:00-6:00 pm | Parlor**

Be the lifeline patients need by giving blood. To make an appointment to donate, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), enter the code 36303 and then choose "Dothan Community-Calvary Baptist Church" for appointment times.

### Welcome to Dothan Bags

Help us welcome your new neighbors to Dothan and invite them to Calvary by picking up a "Welcome to Dothan" bag located in the foyer of the Fellowship Center. When someone moves in near you, go meet them and take them a bag filled with goodies and info about Dothan and Calvary.

Today we begin a new, rather intense, somewhat concentrated and very necessary series: "**The Fight of Your Life**". In his book, *The Mortification of Sin*, John Owen famously wrote, "Be killing sin, or sin will be killing you." That battle – the battle against sin, or put positively, the battle *for* holiness, is the most important struggle of our lives. In this fight to kill (or "mortify") sins in our lives, we are making it our aim to destroy all that "inclines, entices, impels to evil, rebels, opposes, fights against God."

Why do we fight this fight?

Paul the Apostle put it this way: "... if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live." (Romans 8:13)

But fighting against death and for our own lives is only part of why we fight.

Jonathan K Dodson writes,

"Before we address fighting sin, it is worthwhile to point out that the victory over sin has already been won in Christ. The good news of the gospel is that Jesus has defeated sin, death, and evil through his own death and resurrection and is making all things new, even us. Paul explains Jesus's victory over sin and its implications for us in Romans 6:6-11:

- The power of sin has been rendered powerless, as we are no longer enslaved to it but to Christ!
- However, disciples will continue to battle sin until our final reunion with Christ. This is why Paul exhorts us to "consider" ourselves dead to sin and alive in Jesus.
- The time between the cross and the return of Christ will be filled with battles against sin, but in these battles we possess a new life which enables us to defeat sin through Christ's decisive victory.
- The fight of faith is a fight to be our new, authentic selves in Christ, free from sin and alive to God in righteousness. Knowing our sin, we fight against it by fighting to be who we already are in Christ.

So, we fight sin not only to live, but because it is essentially who we are as new creations in Christ.

But there is another – and even more important – reason we fight sin. God. Knowing God rightly and seeing and understanding *His* holiness is the beginning point of our battle for our own holiness.

"You shall be holy, for I am holy", writes Peter in 1 Peter 1:16.

In today's message, we'll learn how His Holiness is at the root of the Gospel and how it affects every part of our lives. I pray today that we all would get a glimpse of God's holiness and leave with a new or renewed desire to live holy lives.

- Pastor Paul

### 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 18, 2021

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate.

- Please update my information
- Please contact me about membership

### I am a:

- First Time Guest
- Guest
- 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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### I'm New Here

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code.

### Sunday Morning Call to Prayer

Every Sunday at 8:00-8:15 am in the Sanctuary, there is a time of prayer led by our pastors and elders. Everyone is invited to join in for part or all of the prayer time. Children are welcome to attend with their parents.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to [calvarydothan.com/podcast](http://calvarydothan.com/podcast) or use Calvary's MobileMission app.

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### FIRST TIME GUEST?

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. Please fill out the Connect Card to the left and place it in one of the offering plates when they are passed. Be sure to stop by our Next Steps kiosk after the service for a gift from us!

### THE PEOPLE CAME...

April 11

Life Groups: 499  
10:00 Worship: 423  
Hispanic Church: 136

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given April 11: \$43,764  
Jan.-Mar. Budget Surplus: \$1,380.66  
Annie Armstrong Offering: \$41,827

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, April 18:

Ex 19, Lk 22, Jb 37, 2 Cor 7

Monday, April 19:

Ex 20, Lk 23, Jb 38, 2 Cor 8

Tuesday, April 20:

Ex 21, Lk 24, Jb 39, 2 Cor 9

Wednesday, April 21:

Ex 22, Jn 1, Jb 40, 2 Cor 10

Thursday, April 22:

Ex 23, Jn 2, Jb 41, 2 Cor 11

Friday, April 23:

Ex 24, Jn 3, Jb 42, 2 Cor 12

Saturday, April 24:

Ex 25, Jn 4, Prv 1, 2 Cor 13

### Midweek Schedule

6:00 pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary

Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building (Preregister at [calvarydothan.com](http://calvarydothan.com))

Children, Grades 1-5, ROC

Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room

### 4 Ways to Give

- Give online by using the MobileMission app for Apple or Android or go to [calvarydothan.com/GiveOnline](http://calvarydothan.com/GiveOnline).
- On Sundays, drop in the collection boxes near the Fellowship Center exit doors
- Mail to 901 Montezuma Avenue, Dothan, AL 36303
- Bring to the church office, M-F, 8am-12noon & 1-4:30pm

### UPDATED GUEST INFORMATION

In this interim period as we are trying to respond as responsibly as we can to the threat of Covid-19 around us, we are intentionally limiting up-close, face-to-face encounters where possible. Therefore, we are not passing offering plates for the time being. But if you are a guest, we still want to hear from you and meet you! So please complete the attached Connect Card and place in the offering collection boxes at the exits. Also, if you have prayer needs or personal needs, please share those with us as well. You may also email us at [info@CalvaryDothan.com](mailto:info@CalvaryDothan.com) or call or text anytime to (334) 708-0513. We'd love to hear from you, pray with you or for you, or talk with you about any spiritual questions you have or decisions you have made.

### STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, April 19:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

Saturday, April 24:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Sunday, April 25:

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### SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 21 | 6:00 pm

Genesis - Where Grace Begins

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, April 25 | 10:00 am

The Fight for Your Life:

Knowing the Enemy is

Necessary for Victory

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, April 28 | 6:00 pm

Genesis - Where Grace Begins

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, May 2 | 10:00 am

The Fight of Your Life:

You Gotta Dig Deep to Root Out Sin

Message by Paul Thompson

### Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00 am Call to Prayer, Sanctuary

8:30 am Life Group

10:00 am Worship, Fellowship Center

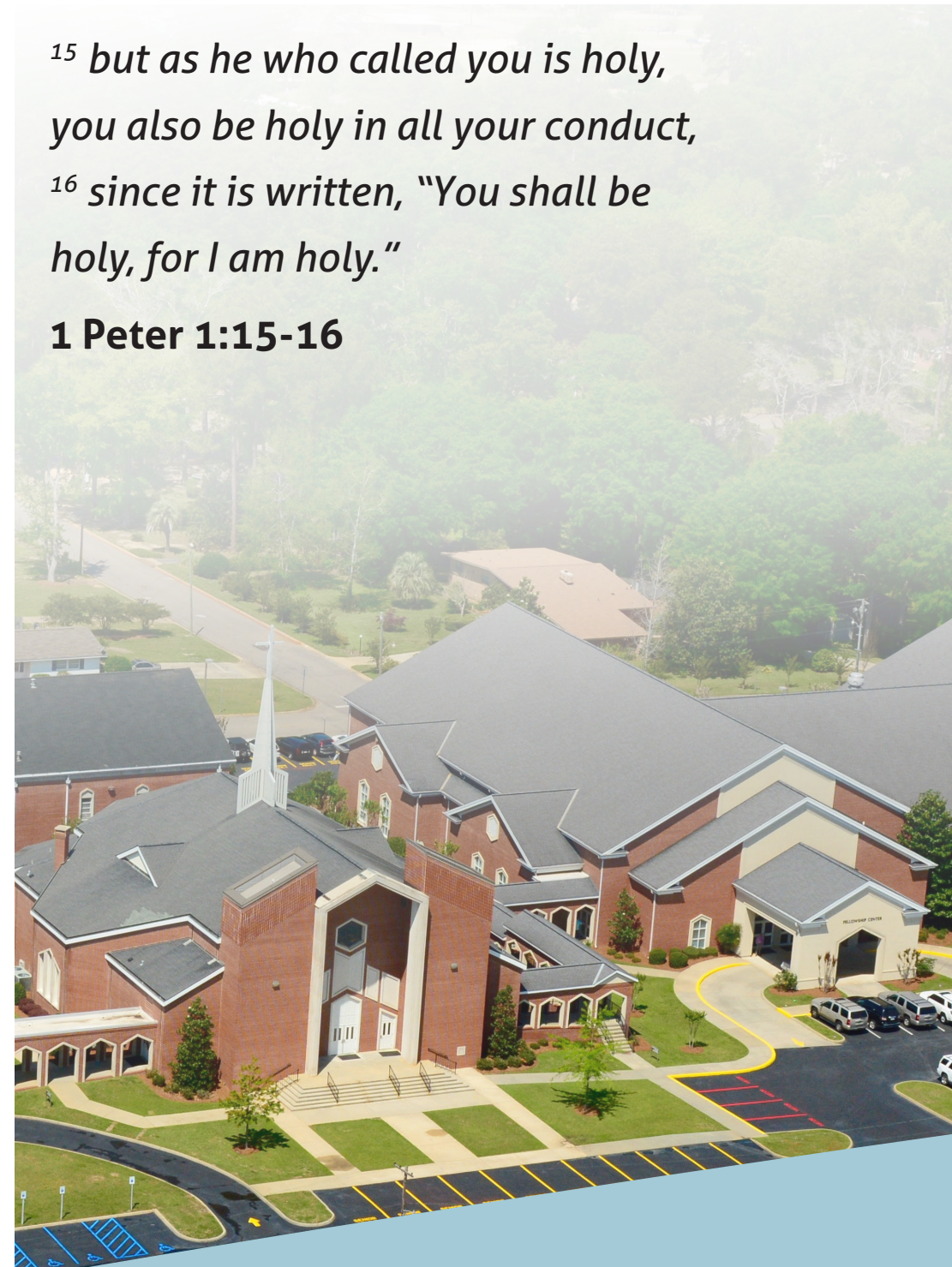
Live Stream on Facebook & YouTube

Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel (except 1st Sunday)

11:00 am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM 94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

*15 but as he who called you is holy,  
you also be holy in all your conduct,  
16 since it is written, "You shall be  
holy, for I am holy."*

### 1 Peter 1:15-16



WELCOME TO  
**Calvary**  
BAPTIST CHURCH