

The Fight of Your Life

Getting to the Root of My Sin Problem

"... Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

- Mark 7:18b-23

When "Want To" and "Ought To" Don't Match (From Taste And See, John Piper)

1. You can _____ about the "ought to" ...
2. You can _____ the "ought to" so that it sounds just like your "want to" ...
3. You can muster the _____ to do a form of the "ought to" when you don't have the heart of the "want to" ...
4. You can feel proper _____ that the "want to" is very small and weak, and then do the "ought to" by the exertion of the _____, while repenting that the "want to" is _____, and praying that the "want to" will be restored ...
5. You can seek, by the means of grace, to _____ the "want to" so that when the time to do the "ought to" comes, you will "want to" ...

Some Presuppositions:

Beating _____ is about more than overcoming _____. (I need more than "_____".)

_____ cannot exist where _____ does not first exist. Temptations only point out _____ to fulfill desires I already have.

_____ is at the root of all _____. We all do what we _____ to do.

So, if I want to change an _____, I have to first change the _____ that drives it.

How do I begin to do that?

_____ – **The _____ of a _____ Heart**

What regeneration is: (Jeremiah 17:9 Ezekiel 36:26-27)

What regeneration does: (2 Cor. 5:17, Acts 13:39, Romans 8:1-2, 1 John 2:29, 3:9, Romans 8:28-30)

_____ – **The _____ of a _____ Heart**

Sanctification is not about _____, but about _____.

By ...

Reflecting on, reveling in, and remembering the _____ ...

Being regularly _____ ...

_____ to our first and greatest love ...

A Closing Prayer: Ephesians 1:15-23

Women's Ministry Coffee & Connect

Sunday, May 2 | 3:00 pm | Parlor

Calvary ladies are invited to gather together for a fun time of coffee, conversation, and connection. There will be a discussion on "Everyday Faithfulness".

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, enter the code 36303 and then choose "Dothan Community-Calvary Baptist Church" for appointment times.

Joy Prom + enAble Ministry Presents Spring Fling

Sunday, May 16 | 5:00-7:00 pm (Weather Permitting)

In the Parking Lot of Calvary Baptist Church

Volunteers are needed. Contact emily@calvarydothan.com to see how you can help.

Community Ministry Opportunity

As the body of Christ, we have another opportunity to serve the neighbors of our city through the Love Dothan initiative. On Saturday, May 22, the opportunity to serve will benefit the residents of the Selma Street neighborhood. The coordination point for volunteers will be Selma Street Elementary School, located at 1501 W. Selma St. Work hours are 8:00-12:00. Cleanup will be the primary focus of our service to the residents of this neighborhood. Bring useful tools such as chainsaws, pole saws, lawn mowers, string trimmers, hedge trimmers, pruning shears, rakes, and work gloves. If you are interested in volunteering, email tommy@calvarydothan.com or call the church office.

Vacation Bible School 2021

June 15-18 | 8:30am-12:00 noon

Online registration is now open. Volunteers are also still needed. To register your child for VBS and/or sign up to volunteer, go to calvarydothan.com/vbs/.

Senior Adult Mid-Month Worship and Lunch

Thursday, May 20 | 11:00 am | Sanctuary

Pastor Paul will be preaching the worship service this month. Box lunches will be available for pick-up in the Fellowship Center Foyer immediately following the service. Sign up for the lunch through your Life Group.

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.

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.

Second Sunday Night in May Schedule Change

There will not be a Second Sunday Night Prayer Service in May. Please join us on Sunday night, May 16, by volunteering at the enAble Ministry Spring Fling.

Practical Steps to Kill Sin

- *John Piper*

We are commanded to constantly kill the sin that remains in our lives: "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 ... Put to death therefore what is earthly in you." (Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5). This is not optional. This is mortal combat: Sin dies or we die. Not that we ever become perfect in this age, but we go on killing sins as they attack us from day to day. We do not settle in with sin. We fight and we kill.

How do we kill sin? Here are some tactical steps in the battle:

1. Take heart from the truth that the old sinful you is decisively already dead (Romans 6:6; Colossians 3:3; Galatians 5:24). By faith we are united to Christ so that his death was our death (Romans 6:5; 2 Corinthians 5:14). This means three things: (a) The mortal blow to our "old man" has been struck; (b) the old self will not succeed in domination now; and (c) his final obliteration is certain.

2. Consciously reckon the old man dead; that is, believe the truth of Scripture about the old man's death in Christ and seek to live in that freedom (Romans 6:11). Living out the reality that you are is the proof that you are. One clear illustration of becoming what you are is found in 1 Corinthians 5:7: "Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened." It sounds strange, but salvation is a strange and wonderful thing: Clean out the old leaven of sin, because it is really already cleaned out. If you try to play logic games with this reality and say, "I don't need to fight sin because it is already cleaned out," you will prove only that you are not among the number who are cleansed.

3. Cultivate enmity with sin! You don't kill friends (Romans 8:13). You kill enemies. Ponder how sin killed your best Friend (Jesus), dishonors your Father, and aims to destroy you forever. Develop more hatred for sin.

4. Rebel against sin's coup. Refuse to be bullied by its deceptions and manipulations. "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions" (Romans 6:12). Temptations to sin are all half-truths and half-lies at best. Paul calls their fruit (literally) "lusts of deceit" (Ephesians 4:22).

5. Declare radical allegiance to the other side — God — and consciously put all your mind, heart, and body at his disposal for righteousness and purity. "Present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness" (Romans 6:13).

6. Don't make any plans that open the door for sin's entry. "Make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires" (Romans 13:14). Don't prove your purity in a pornography shop or your commitment to simplicity at an upscale mall.

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 2, 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

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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.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to 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 25

Life Groups: 411
10:00 Worship: 507
Hispanic Church: 120

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given April 25: \$52,161
Jan.-Mar. Budget Surplus: \$1,380.66

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, May 2:

Ex 33, Jn 12, Prv 9, Eph 2

Monday, May 3:

Ex 34, Jn 13, Prv 10, Eph 3

Tuesday, May 4:

Ex 35, Jn 14, Prv 11, Eph 4

Wednesday, May 5:

Ex 36, Jn 15, Prv 12, Eph 5

Thursday, May 6:

Ex 37, Jn 16, Prv 13, Eph 6

Friday, May 7:

Ex 38, Jn 17, Prv 14, Phil 1

Saturday, May 8:

Ex 39, Jn 18, Prv 15, Phil 2

Midweek Schedule

6:00 pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary

Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building (Preregister at 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.
- 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 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, May 2:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Saturday, May 8:

Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191

Sunday, May 9:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 5 | 6:00 pm

Genesis - Where Grace Begins

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, May 9 | 10:00 am

The Fight for Your Life:

The Fight Against Sin is a Fight for Christ

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, May 12 | 6:00 pm

Genesis - Where Grace Begins

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, May 16 | 10:00 am

Jesus: God's Final Word

The Supremacy of Christ

Hebrews 1:1-3

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

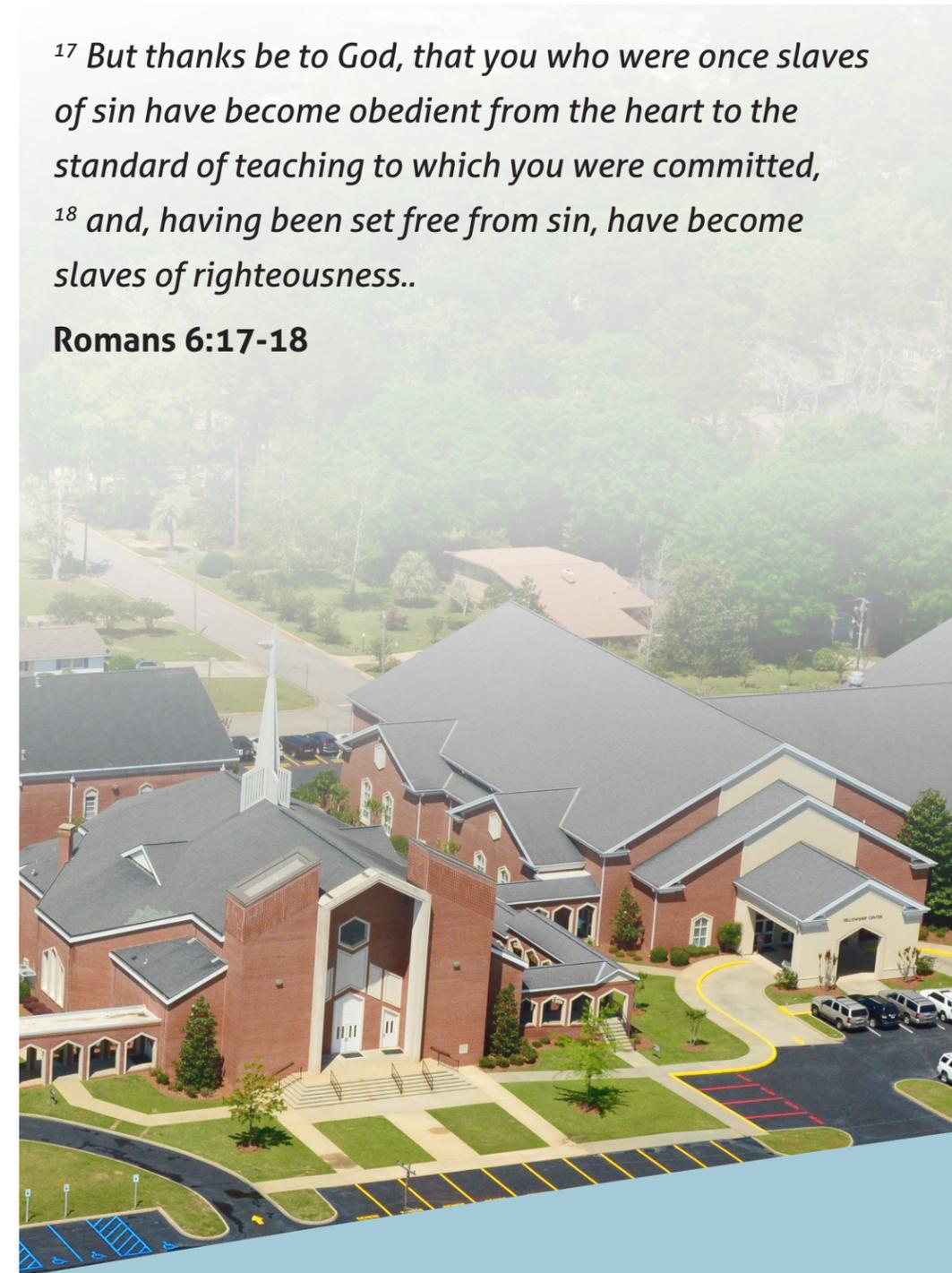
Live Stream on Facebook & YouTube

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.

¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,
¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness..

Romans 6:17-18



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BAPTIST CHURCH