



Oceanside URC—Wednesday School of Theology

Holiness #5

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Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses (1 Tim. 6:12).

*All page numbers are from J. C. Ryle, *Holiness: Its Nature, Hindrances, Difficulties, and Roots* (London: William Hunt and Company, 1879).

Chapter 4: “The Fight”

- Reflect on what a) you have heard from other Christians / churches about “spiritual warfare” and b) what you know about it.

True Christianity is a Fight (75–82)

- Is the image of a Christian engaging in a fight / war / struggle a main theme in modern Christianity? Why or why not?
- Who are our enemies in this fight? (76–78)
- What is the relationship between baptism and this fight? (See our Baptism Service in *Psalter Hymnal* pp. 125, 128, 129)
- Describe the necessity of this fight. (80–81)
- How does this fight bring us assurance? (82)

True Christianity is the Fight of Faith (83–87)

- General faith (83–84)
- Special faith (84)

- Habitual faith (84–85)
- What encouragement in this fight can we draw from those who have gone before us? (86–87)

True Christianity is a Good Fight (87–92)

- The best general (88–89)
- The best help (89)
- The best promises (89–90)
- The best results (90)
- The good to our soul (91)
- The good to the world (91)
- The glorious reward (91)
- What is striking about Ryle’s description as compared to modern teaching on “spiritual warfare?”

Application (92–96)