

BLESSINGS & BATTLES

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Text: Ephesians 6:10-24

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; 19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. 21 But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things: 22 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts. 23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen." (Ephesians 6:10-24)

INTRODUCTION

- spiritual warfare is always against evil unseen forces of evil
- strongest weapons of spiritual warfare is prayer & Word of God
- all Christians to be involved

1. GET Active (v. 10-13)

A. Acknowledge the threaten

OUR ENEMY SCHEMES

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." (2 Corinthians 2:11)

OUR ENEMY STALKS

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." (1 Peter 5:8)

OUR ENEMY DECEIVES

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." (Revelation 12:9)

OUR ENEMY ENSLAVES

"And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will." (2 Timothy 2:26)

OUR ENEMY HINDERS

"Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us." (1 Thessalonians 2:18)

OUR ENEMY HARASSES

"And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure." (2 Corinthians 12:7)

OUR ENEMY ATTACKS

"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." (Ephesians 6:16)

B. Abandon Your weakness

C. Accept His strength (in other Christians in Christ first)

2. GET Armed (v. 13-18) - whole armor of God

A. Put on the armor

THE BELT OF TRUTH

THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS - protective vest*

FEET PREPARED WITH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE - good shoes

THE SHIELD OF FAITH - big shield

THE HELMET OF SALVATION - protects head

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT - arms for war

↳ Word of God

B. Pray in the Spirit

HOW SHOULD WE PRAY FOR OTHER BELIEVERS?

1. Continually - all the time
2. Spontaneously - at any time
3. Strategically - for boldness to speak

3. GET Assembled (v. 19-24) - meet together

- A. Care from Others - receive help
- B. Comfort from Above - God gives ~~comfort~~
comfort
- C. Clarity of the Gospel - easy to understand

CONCLUSION

- 1 Cor 15:3-6
- Christ died for our sins
* according to the Scriptures
 - Christ was buried
* Jesus was dead
 - Christ rose again (alive from the dead) on the 3rd day
* according to the Scriptures
 - Christ was seen alive later by many people

