

The Church _____

Eph 6:10-20

Our Battle

- I. Background on Ephesians
 - A. Purpose #1 – To help the church understand their _____ in Christ
 - B. Purpose #2 – To help the church live according to their _____ in Christ
- II. Paul's final challenge to the Ephesians (Eph. 6:10-11a)
 - A. Be strong: (Eph. 6:10)
Eph. 6:10 - ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.
 1. *In the Lord* – We realize that any effort we make on our own is _____
 2. *in his mighty power* – His power is _____ than our enemies
 - B. Put on the armor of God Why? (Eph. 11-13)
 1. So we can _____ against Satan's Scheme (Eph. 6:11)
 - a. Schemes define – It is a trick (or Deception) used to lead us away from God and His _____
 - b. Part 1 of the battle – Satan wants to _____ you from God and the church
 2. So that we understand that the battle is in the _____ world (Eph. 6:12) (Heaven Realms)
 - a. The _____ in the invisible realm that affects what you are going through in the visible realm
 - b. Part 2 of the battle – Satan is not fighting for the things of this world but for the things of the heavenly world (Our _____ (Not our health), our spiritual _____ (not our wealth), and our _____ in building God's kingdom (Not our power))
 3. So that we are ready to _____ (Eph. 6:13)
 - a. If we are not in Christ, they cannot _____

- b. Part 3 of the battle – Be ready to fight and remember that we are on the _____

Our Weapons

- I. The belt of truth – Truth found in God's Word
- II. Breastplate of Righteousness – We live for God
- III. Shoes of Readiness – We are fearless because we are children of God
- IV. Shield of Faith – Our faith in God gives us the strength to stand up to our enemies' attacks
- V. Helmet of Salvation – Our salvation protects us from the enemy and God's future wrath
- VI. Sword of the Spirit – We use God's Word to fight against temptation, false teaching, etc.

Questions to Ponder

- I. Do you know what schemes Satan will use to _____ you away from God?
- II. Who is your _____ partner?
Can you share _____ in confidence with them?
- III. Are you fighting the _____ battle?
Are you fighting for things in this world or things in the heavenly realm?
- IV. Are you _____ for the battle?
Do you fight with the _____ that you are on the winning team?
- V. Would people say you are a person after God's _____?