



The Fog of War

Ephesians 6:10-20

Paul's Battle

- Paul was imprisoned in an Ephesian prison for saying there was no such goddess as "Artemis."
- During this time, Paul had to suffer as a prisoner with the shadow of death hanging over him.
- Paul learned what it meant to battle against the devil, his legion of demons, and evil.

Spiritual Warfare Is Real

- The idea of spiritual warfare has become a controversial topic.
- It's not spiritually Politically Correct to talk about Spiritual warfare.
- Spiritual warfare puts Christianity in the wrong light since we are to love and tolerate everyone.
- Yet, we can see the devil's hoof prints and those of his legion of demons everywhere.
- The devil and his legions of demons are doing their best to destroy the Church, the Message of Jesus Christ, and to block us from walking down the Road of Holiness.

We Need to Employ God's Defense!

- No army can fight without some type of defense.
- The devil not only wants to destroy creation, he wants to destroy us.
- There's little protection when it comes to securing our nation's morals, it's life of holiness, or the sanctity of life itself.
- The devil and his horde of demons have free reign in our schools, our businesses, our entertainment, our sports, our law courts, and sadly even in our churches.
- To protect ourselves, we must put on the whole armor of God.

Belt of Truth

- When we ask Jesus into our hearts and lives, we are asking for the Way, the Truth and the Life.
- The Gospel of Jesus Christ is first and foremost the Truth.
- Everything that the devil says and does is a lie and a falsehood.
- We must hold on to the truth and allow it to protect our core.

Breastplate of Righteousness

- We are people of righteousness; made right through the blood of Jesus Christ.
- When we try to live like the world and do the things of the world then both the Church and the world get confused and chaos reigns.
- The devil is working overtime to get the Church to hold on to the ways of the world.
- There is no such thing as a weekend warrior when it comes to faith in Jesus.
- When we wear the breastplate of righteousness, no one will wonder if we are a Jesus Person.

Shoes of Peace

- The devil will do anything and everything he can to knock us off our feet.
- The devil will do everything he can to get us to fuss, complain and fight with one another.
- The devil can cause us to do more damage with a few words than we can fix or repair in a few weeks or months.
- We need God's "Shoes of Peace" on all the time.

The Shield of Faith

- **Doubt and Disbelief are killers.**
- **When we put our shields of faith down, that's when the devil is able to hit us with fiery darts of doubt, despair, disappointment and depression.**
- **God's Shield of Faith is a life saver.**
- **Joining our faith together protects us.**
- **We are all called to be part of a faith team; we need one another.**

The Helmet of Salvation

- We must allow the Holy Spirit to put a new head covering around us from the inside out.
- We wear God's Helmet of Salvation to remind us that we belong to King Jesus.
- When we wear the Helmet of Salvation, we begin to think Holy Spirit style; linking our minds with the mind of Christ.
- We have two offensive weapons also given to us by God.

The Sword of the Spirit

- There is no spiritual armor for our back sides.
- When we retreat, we are an open target for the devil.
- The main way we advance is with the Sword of the Spirit.
- The devil has done a great job in having people leave their Spiritual Swords at home or allowing their swords to get rusty, dirty, and dull.
- God's Word will send the devil on the run.

Praying in the Spirit

- Paul wants us to understand that prayer as essential as communication on a battlefield is vital.
- Battles can be won or lost because of either good or bad communication.
- The devil uses silence between us and God, and us and one another to defeat us.
- The less we pray the less we experienced God's miracles, anointings and blessings.
- When we pray the Kingdom of God comes down.
- When we pray in the Spirit, God's Spirit is interactive with us.
- When we pray in the Spirit, we are being empowered and instructed by God's Spirit.

Conclusion

- Are we fully dressed in the whole armor of God?
- Are we ready to do battle today with evil?
- Are we prepared to walk together in peace?
- Are our minds being renewed in the Holy Spirit?
- Are our hearts right with God?
- Is the Truth of Christ protecting our Core?