

# The Believer's Warfare

## Pt. 1

Mid Week Instruction  
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# Ephesians Chapters 1-3

- What it means to be a believer
- What it means to belong to God.
- What it means to have the Spirit of God in dwelling.
- What it means to become adopted into God's family.
- What it means to stand in Him. Believer's position, identity, character because of Christ.

# The Great Realities of Being in Christ

- We are blessed with all spiritual blessings in the heaven lies.
- We have been given adoption and love and predestination, forgiveness and enlightenment.
- We have been given knowledge, power and understanding.
- We have been taken out of the dominion of Satan and placed into the kingdom of God.

# Changes in Our Lives

- We have been moved as it were away from the style of living of the world and ushered into a whole new dominion.
- We have union with God, Christ, Spirit and with every other believer.
- Attitudes have changed, we think differently feel different, talk, act differently.
- God has made us one in Jesus Christ and filled us with resurrection power.

# Ephesians Chapters 4,5,6

- How we are to practice our behavior is discussed.
- Our position as Christians of who we are is discussed.
- Our practice of how we live and the standards of living we are to attain.
- The way we are to live is different than the world. We are to walk worthy

# Living the Christian Life

- In spite of all the resources, power and principles we have living the Christian life is not easy.
- Because you know how to operate on the job doesn't guarantee that you will pull it off.  
Because you know how to conduct yourself doesn't mean you will fulfill it.
- Because you know what Christ teaches is no guarantee you will see the fulfillment of it.

# Defining the Christian Life

- The Christian life is one seen as warfare.
- At the end of the Apostle's life he said I have fought a good fight.
- The Apostle said, " I fight not as one who beats the air.
- The Apostle said, "Be a soldier who endures hardness.
- Jesus began and ended his ministry in warfare.

# Believer's Warfare

- The war never stops there is a sense of weariness that goes along with a sense of accomplishment.
- The greater the string of victories the more of the confidence you have in God.
- God will take you through each war and you will see God's power working in you.
- This is war and the enemy is hell-bent on destroying every divine purpose in your life.

# 2 Corinthians 10:4

- We are fighting a war that is not simply physical or fleshly.
- We face an enemy that is strong, clever and deceptive.
- We are going to hit opposition all the way down the line as long as we endeavor to live in God's kingdom on God's terms
- Satan will do his best to withstand us

# The Preparation for War

- You do not want the battle to begin when you are unprepared.
- V10 Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might.
- It is in Christ that we are strong because His might becomes our might.
- 1 John 4:4; Phil. 4:13, Eph 6:10; Heb. 2:14
- Christ defeated Satan at the cross, we are in Christ so we defeated Satan at the cross..

# There is No Reason To Lose the War

- Divine resources belongs to us.
- There is no Christ, no time in his life that needs to feel that he loses the battle to the enemy.
- We know we are going to win the war in the end because Christ has gotten us the victory.
- We have the strength of the Lord and we have the armor on. Eph. 1:19; Col.1:10.

# When Are You Vulnerable?

## 1 Cor. 10:12-13

- When you think you are not. When you think you have all the information and have mastered the book of Ephesians.
- When you think you have the principles or can handle Satan.
- When you think you can do it, you can't but when you depend on God there is nothing Satan can do to you that causes you to lose the victory.

# The Battle is The Lord's

- We simply face the reality that God's power is present.
- There is no bondage so great that there is not a way of escape..
- When Satan sends his confusion we are to report to the commander in chief.
- We ask God to purge our lives and make us a righteous vessel that can stand fearless protected by God.

# Put on the Whole Armor of God

- A believer needs to have the armor of God on.
- Dependence on God and obedience is the only resource the believer needs.
- You never lay your armor down until you meet the Lord.
- Always the believer is to stand because Satan will attack you.
- You don't need to go find the devil hang around long enough and he will find you.

# The Greatest Angel Fallen

- Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28, Rev. 12
- Jesus believed in him Mt. 4, The apostles believed in him, Paul talked about him, Peter and James talked about him.
- He has personal titles. Ez. 28 anointed cherub. Jn 16 prince of this world, Eph. 2 prince of the power of the air. 2 Cor 4. god of this age.
- Luke 11:15 prince of demons. Jn 8:44 liar

# Wiles of the Devil

- Lies, false doctrines, false religion, false teaching.
- He is a liar and the father of lies.
- He is a deceiver and his whole system deceives, subtly, supernaturally, powerfully.
- OT Satan deceived Israel into worshipping idols and turning their backs on God.
- He prevents the word from reaching the hearts of men. He snatches the word.

# Satan Wrestles with Believers

- Satan wrestles with us through his demons and we with them and it is a life and death matter.
- Demons know there is a bottomless pit an eternal place created for them.
- Believers are often tricked into a supernatural war to fight Satan's causes.
- Satan is around and his demons are all over the place.

# Ephesians 6:13

- You can stand there in victory if the armor is on and the confidence is in the Lord.
- The evil day is any day when evil reigns in the world and that is as long as Satan is the prince of the power of the air.
- If we report to the commander, the victory is ours. Resist the devil he will flee from you.
- We are soldiers the question is what kind of a soldier are we. That determines if we win or lose.

# See You Sunday - Communion

- 7:30 – Stick-to-itiveness 2 Cor. 11 -  
Pastor
- 9:30 – Rev. Watley - North
- 10:30 - Storms, Shipwreck, Snake bite  
Acts 27 - Pastor
- Don't forget to win a soul for the Lord.
- Blessings