



THE BATTLE BELONGS
TO THE LORD
EPH. 6:10-13
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I. Introduction

The reality for all Christians is that there is a spiritual realm and Paul actually goes into great detail about this spiritual warfare by virtue of the darkness of the fallen world, and our place within in it, suited up with the armor of God to battle daily against evil itself.

II. Strength in and of the Lord (v. 10)

- a. Christians MUST BE prepared (Rev. 3:8)
- b. Spiritual opposition is guaranteed in Scripture

III. Standing in the Lord (v. 11)

- a. Covered in the armor of God
- b. Do NOT over/under—estimate the Adversary

IV. Strong Against Demonic Forces (vv. 12-13)

- a. The power of deception is REAL.
- b. Dealing with the Darkness (James 4:7; Col. 1:11)

Conclusion

We are in a war and at war with our greatest Foe. We are not in a time of peace. We must be on the lookout and not ignorant of the Foe's schemes to divide and disunify the people of God by being discerning (2 Cor. 2:11).



CEFC Sermon-Based Growth Group
Week of: November 11, 2018
Title: The Battle Belongs to the Lord
Text: Ephesians 6:10-13

Kick Starters...

1. Why is the significance of an ongoing spiritual battle so important in the life of a follower of Jesus Christ?
2. How does the reality of a spiritual battle impact members of the family of God on a regular basis?

Entertain the text

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

Engage the text

4. What does Paul mean in v. 10 when he says, "...be strong in the Lord" as it relates to our own strength?
5. With the knowledge of this battle being 'ongoing', how does the reality of being under constant attack for our faith affect our daily walk?
6. What are some 'schemes' of the Adversary in our lives?

7. Have you ever had any experience/exposure with the 'occult' personally or within your family or circle of relationships? Do we see how dangerous that is?
8. Discuss Satan's use of deception and how it affects our walk with Christ? How can being spiritually naïve make us that much more vulnerable to the Foe's work?

Execute the text

9. In taking up the "Armor of God", together list 5 ways we will utilize that armor this week to protect ourselves in this spiritual battle.
10. Commit to standing your ground this week. Fight the good fight as brothers and sisters in God's forever family. Share some specific ways the family of God can work together to thwart the Foe's activities within our lives.

Lost & Found

Larson/Grosskopf
Sunday 4pm @ Larsons

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Fritzsche/Raddatz
Wednesday 6pm @ CEFC

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Billington/Reuter
Friday 7pm @ CEFC

Joint Heirs

Smith/Olejnik
Tuesday 1pm @ Smiths

Crossroads

Difino/Schwenk
Wednesday 6pm @ Schwenks