

(Time: 11.00am)

Message #7

Text: Ephesians 6; 1 Corinthians

Title: "Put on the whole armour of God"

EVALUATING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE DOCTRINE OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

A. UNDERSTANDING OUR ENEMY

1. The influence of the Evil One

- a) He is described as the prince of the power of the air Ephesians 2:2b
- b) He works in the sons of disobedience Ephesians 2:2c
- c) He tempts people to walk according to the course of this world Ephesians 2:2a

2. Organization of Satan's forces

They are not disorganized!

- a) Principalities
- b) Powers
- c) Rulers of the darkness of this age
- d) Spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places

3. Understanding the Gravity of the Spiritual Conflict

- a) Wiles Ephesians 6:11
- b) Wrestling Ephesians 6:12
- c) The evil day Ephesians 6:13

4. The Consequences are deadly

- a) Many are deceived/deluded
- b) Many are discouraged/ in despair
- c) Many are defeated
- d) Some are destroyed

B. DETERMINED TO BE ENGAGED IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE

1. Understanding and appreciating God's provision of Spiritual Armour

- a) We can give battle to the enemy
- b) We can fight valiantly and win
- c) We were meant to give battle to the enemy

2. What it takes to have spiritual victory

a) Knowledge of each piece of our Spiritual Armour

- i) Waist girded with truth Ephesians 6:14a
- ii) Breastplate of righteousness Ephesians 6:14b
- iii) Feet shod with the gospel of peace Ephesians 6:15
- iv) Shield of faith to quench the fiery darts of the wicked one Ephesians 6:16
- v) Helmet of salvation Ephesians 6:17a
- vi) Sword of the Spirit Ephesians 6:17b

b) Being strong in the Lord Ephesians 6:10

- i) Unafraid of the Devil
- ii) Unafraid of battle wounds
- iii) Unafraid of hard and long battles
- iv) Unafraid of suffering

c) Being prayerful

- i) In close touch with God
- ii) Calling upon Him
- iii) Cultivating dependence on the Lord
- iv) Learning how to intercede for others

d) Actual engagement in spiritual battle

- i) Doctrinal battles
- ii) Personal battles
- iii) Ecclesiastical battles
- iv) Battle for the Lord
- v) Battle for family
- vi) Battle for friends
- vii) Battle for our own soul

BECOMING OVERCOMERS

*Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven,
“Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come,
for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast
down.*

*And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did
not love their lives to the death.” Revelation 12:10-11*

1. Power in the Blood of the Lamb
2. Power of the word of our testimony that we are prepared to lose our lives for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ!