The Fight Is On

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- 10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
- 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

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- 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
- 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Ephesians 6:12-18 - continued 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

of peace;

Ephesians 6:12-18 - continued 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

- A. The Christian Life is the beginning of many things 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

- A. The Christian Life is the beginning of many things continued
- 1 John 2:23-25
- 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.
- 24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.
- 25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

- B. Starts a fight with unseen enemies
 - 1. God gives us the power
 - 2. God gives us the protection

- B. Starts a fight with unseen enemies continued
 - 3. God gives us the perspective
 - a. It is a good fight
- 1 Timothy 6:12

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

- B. Starts a fight with unseen enemies continued
 - 3. God gives us the perspective
 - b. It must be fought well
- 1 Corinthians 9:26
- I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:
 - c. It must be fought to the end
- **2 Timothy 4:7**
- I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

A. Our loins girt about with truth John 8:44

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

- B. The breastplate of righteousness
 - 1. Imputed righteousness by faith

Romans 4:24

But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

- B. The breastplate of righteousness continued
 - 2. Imparted righteousness

Romans 8:4

That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

- B. The breastplate of righteousness continued
- 3. Righteousness as demonstrated in our lives Titus 2:7-8
- 7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, 8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

- C. Our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace
 - 1. Living the Gospel so others will find Christ
 - 2. Speaking the Gospel to those who are lost
- 3. Taking the Gospel to those who have not heard Romans 10:15

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

II. The Armor Of Confidence (6:16-17)

A. The shield of faith: confidence in Christ Hebrews 11:34

Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

II. The Armor Of Confidence (6:16-17)

- B. The helmet of salvation Philippians 2:12-13
- 12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.
- 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

- A. The sword of the Spirit: the Word of God
 - 1. Brings faith

Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- 2. Directs us to the righteous path
- 2 Timothy 3:16

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

A. The sword of the Spirit: the Word of God - continued 3. Provides discernment

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

- A. The sword of the Spirit: the Word of God continued 4. Provides everything else we need
- 2 Peter 2:3-4
- 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
- 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

- **B.** Praying always
 - 1. At all times
- 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Pray without ceasing.

2. With all effort

Romans 12:12

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

- **B.** Praying always continued
 - 3. With all expectation

Philippians 4:6

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

B. Praying in the Spirt

Romans 8:26

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

C. Praying for fellow soldiers

Ephesians 4:19

And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

Our Lord Will Never Sound Retreat Neither Should We