

The Believer's Warfare, Part 1
(Ephesians 6:10-13)

I. The Preparation.

- A. Preparation is found in verse 10..."be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."
- B. It is in Christ that we are strong. (Phil. 4:13; 1John 4:4)
- C. The resource is ours.
- D. Satan is a vanquished foe. (Romans 8)
- E. You're only vulnerable when you think you are not. (1Cor. 10:12; 2Cor. 12:9-10)

II. The Armor

- A. The phrase, "put on," mean, "put on once and for all."
- B. If you want to win in the Christian life, get the armor on.
- C. Get your life right because it's going to be a battle till the day you die.

III. The Enemy

- A. Satan will always attack the believer (Eph. 6:11)
 - 1. Satan tempted Eve in Genesis 3.
 - 2. He tempted Christ in Matthew 4.
 - 3. He perverted God's word in Matthew 4 and he opposed God's work in Zechariah 3.
 - 4. He hindered God's servant in 1 Thessalonians 2 and he hinders the gospel in 2 Corinthians 4.
 - 5. He snares the wicked in 1 Tim. 3.
 - 6. He desires the nations in Revelation 16.
 - 7. He's an angel of light in 2 Corinthians 11.
 - 8. He fights with Michael in Jude.
 - 9. He now has the whole world lying in his lap in I John 5.
 - 10. He's been all through history.
- B. We're just told to resist him and he'll flee.
- C. Stand firm, hold your ground.

IV. The Warfare

- A. The wiles of the devil are lies, false doctrines, false teaching.
- B. He moves into the world and Luke 8 says he snatches the word from the hearts of men.
- C. He has men standing in pulpits who deny the authority of Scripture, the deity of Christ, salvation by grace, the second coming, judgment, sin, everything.
- D. It isn't easy to live the Christian life but the greatest joy is to know that we've overcome Satan.

V. The Victory

- A.. There is victory if the armor is on, and the confidence is in the Lord. (Eph. 6:13)
- B. Report to the commander.
- C. The victory is yours.
- D. With victory comes joy, happiness, contentment, and peace.
- E. That's the way God intended it.