



Ephesians 6 (part 2)

we know who we are by faith
a part of God's family
we've seen how to interact with others as part of God's family

now we see we are in a battle
Ephesians 6:10-12
Because we are a part of God's family, his enemy is now our enemy
The enemy wants to destroy us
*we don't need to be scared but we need to be prepared

Who is our enemy?
ver 12
-our enemy is Satan and our battle is spiritual
-not Islam, China, Democrats or a virus

We are in a battle, not against people but for people
John 10:10
Satan, our enemy, wants to lie and kill and destroy
Jesus wants to give life
*not health, wealth, and prosperity but eternal life

-we need to equip ourselves for battle so that we can defend our hearts and help other people

-Paul uses the illustration of a roman soldier's armor
Ephesians 6:14
-belt of truth
-holds everything together
-we need to know the Bible as our foundation to use everything else correctly

-breastplate of righteousness
-right choices
-it protects our heart and vital organs
-if you don't wear shoulder pads it won't be too long until your in the hospital trying to put yourself back together rather than on the field helping the team

Ephesians 6:15
-shoes - the readiness of the Gospel
-proper cleats make you able to move quickly and stand securely
-the gospel both secures us in rough times and drive us to help others in rough times

Ephesians 6:16
-shield of faith
-strong hands to throw off defenders
-our trust in God helps us to fend off the bad times life throws at us

Ephesians 6:17
-helmet
-protect your brain
-our salvation keeps us focused
-the ultimate prize is not this world but eternity

-sword
-the Holy Spirit and the Word of God
-what is really going to make a difference in our world is when people hear the Word of God from us and the Holy Spirit works in their life

Ephesians 6:13-14
-be prepared to stand firm and then you will stand firm

Ephesians 6:18-19

-pray

-talk to God about the battle

-seek God's help

-pray even for those who seem strong

Questions

- 1) Was there a piece of the armor that you understood a little better from this lesson?
- 2) Is there a piece of the armor that you are really relying on right now?
- 3) Is there a piece of the armor you need to seek to improve?
- 4) What habits or tools help you to consistently pray for others?

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