

4. OUR WEAPONS: EVANGELIZING UNDER THE POWER OF PRAYER & THE WORD

We war not against flesh and blood and must rely on prayer and the Word

Outline of Ephesians 6:10-20

1. OUR SPIRITUAL **WARFARE** (v.10-12).
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REVIEWING PREVIOUS MESSAGES

❖ MESSAGE 1. OUR MESSAGE: EVANGELISM ACCORDING TO CHRIST

- What is the Gospel? **C_____ is the Gospel: His P_____ and His W_____.**
- What is the beginning of the Gospel? **G____. God is the G_____ N_____!**
- What are four aspects to present the Gospel? **1. G___ - 2. M___ - 3. C_____ - 4. R_____.**

❖ MESSAGE 2. OUR EXAMPLES: EVANGELISM ACCORDING TO THE APOSTLES

- Lesson 1: **Evangelism is not about the Method, it's about one Message: Jesus** (book of Acts).
- Lesson 2: **God was at work in all evangelistic endeavors preparing and converting the hearts of the elects** (see Acts 2:47, 8:19-25, 13:48, 16:14).
- Lesson 3: **We must not be indifferent about the condition of our neighbor and refuse to speak to him, we out to be provoked by their sins and run to them with the Gospel** (as Paul was Acts 17:16-17).
- Lesson 4: **Use cultural bridges when possible to start a spiritual conversation and present Christ** (as Paul did in Acts 17:23,28).
- Lesson 5: **Use Scripture to present Christ** (as Philip did in Acts 8:35).
- Lesson 6: **Do not compromise by avoiding the subjects that people need to be saved.**
- Lesson 7: **Speak about the Creator to non-religious people** (Acts 14:15ff, 17:24ff) **and remember that regardless of what they say, they know that God exists** because of: (1) **Creation** (Romans 1:18-21; Job 12:7-11) and (2) **Conscience** (Romans 2:14-16; Ecclesiastes 3:11).
- Lesson 8: **Don't shy away from commanding repentance on behalf of God, you are His ambassador with His message** (Acts 17:30; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20).



- Lesson 9: **Know key Bible verses to engage specific people** (Catholic, Mormons, etc).
- Lesson 10: **Be a Christian in word and in deeds since God and your neighbor are watching and listening to you** (1 Peter 2:11-12; Acts 16:25ff).

❖ **MESSAGE 3. OUR MISSION: GLORIFYING GOD BY EVANGELIZING EVERY CREATURE**

- What is the Church? **THE S _____ P _____ OF GOD IN C _____** (1 Peter 2:4-5; Ep. 2:20).
- Who is the Gate of the Church? **O ____ J _____**. (John 10:9, 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5).
- What is the distinguishing mark of the Church or of true conversion? **L _____ FOR J _____**.
1 Peter 2:6-7; Revelation 2:1,4-5; 1 Corinthians 16:22; John 8:42. 1 Peter 1:8.
- What is the mission of the Church? **PROCLAIMING G ____ FOR GOD'S G _____ AND THE
S _____ SALVATION OF TRUE W _____**

Ephesians 3:21 **"to Him be the glory in the church** and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen" (see also 1 Peter 2:5,9; Matthew 28:19-20; John 4:23-24).

- What are the Scriptural motivations for financial giving? (2 Corinthians 8:8-14)
- Is the local church called to evangelize according to Scripture? Matthew 28:19-20: "19 Go therefore and **make disciples** of **all the nations, baptizing** them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 **teaching** them **to observe all that I commanded you**; and lo, **I am with you always**, even to the end of the age".
- Are you called to evangelize according to Scripture? (1 Peter 2:9; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20).

❖ **MESSAGE 4. Ephesians 6:10-20: "10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God,** so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14 Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 And **take** the helmet of salvation, and **the sword of the**

Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, 19 and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak”.

1. OUR SPIRITUAL **WARFARE** : AGAINST THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL

Let us see what our warfare *is* and what it *is not*. v. 12: **“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places”.**

2 Corinthians 10:3-5: “3 For though we walk in the flesh, **we do not war according to the flesh**, 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. 5 **We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ”.**

Zachariah 4:6: **“Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’** says the Lord of hosts”.

Ephesians 6:10: **“be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God**, so that you will be able to stand firm”.

2. OUR SPIRITUAL **ARMOR** : STANDING FIRM IN UNION WITH CHRIST

The purpose of the spiritual armor: v.11: “Put on the full armor of God, so that **you will be able to stand firm**”, v.13: “Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that **you will be able to resist in the evil day**, and having done everything, **to stand firm**”, v.14: **“Stand firm** therefore”. Resisting the spiritual adversaries and attacks, standing firm for God and His Gospel.

An overview of the armor: The Belt of Truth - The Breastplate of Righteousness - The Shield of Faith - The Sandals of the Gospel of Peace - The Helmet of Salvation - The Sword (see part 3).

3. OUR SPIRITUAL **WEAPONS**: GAINING THE WORLD FOR CHRIST BY OUR PRAYING AND SOWING THE WORD

❖ **WEAPON #1: THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT**

Hebrews 4:12: “For **the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart”.**

2 Timothy 3:14-17, SCRIPTURE **SAVES** AND **SANCTIFIES**: "14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the **sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.** 16 **All Scripture** is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 **that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work**".

Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of **the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes**".

Romans 10:17: "**So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ**".

James 1:21: "**Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls**".

John 17:17: "**Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth**".

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❖ WEAPON #2: THE PRAYERS IN THE SPIRIT

1 Timothy 2:1-8: "1 **First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,** 2 **for kings and all who are in authority,** so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 **who desires all men to be saved** and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time. 7 For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying) as a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. 8 **Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension**".

LESSON ON PRAYER IN EPHESIANS 6:18-20. NOTES: