

Ephesians Handout Week Thirty-Three

What's up with this?

Acts 20:28. Two things we know for sure. 1.

2.

We must fight for...

Why can't we just sit this out? You can but you won't. Jn. 10:27

Spurgeon-You can't fall off the boat, but you can fall on the boat.

When did this victory happen? Col. 2:14, 2 cor. 2:14, 1 Cor. 15:57, Rev. 2:25

What are we doing exactly, then?

We must live in the tension- Jn. 16:33, 1 Jn. 4:3 We must be strong in the beautiful victory. Jn. 1:5

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/we wrestle 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/stand against 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

1. Be strengthened.

2. Put on the full armor of God.

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-When?

-What pieces?

-Whose armor is it?

Col. 1:29, 1 Cor. 16:8-9

Two curious things.

-Our struggle/we wrestle v. 12

-Our religion is one of peace. Really? Mat. 11:12

What kind of fighting is standing? Outline for Ephesians: Sit—Walk—Stand

Is it ever O.K. to run? 1 Cor. 6:18, 1 Cor. 10:14

3. Stand. Histemi. Anthistemi Stand up against. Acts 7:5, Acts 26:22

Why not attacking?

In your life-

In the world- People aren't the enemy. They are hostages. Everywhere we go we are already standing on conquered land. Ps. 2:8

The huge irony. "Demonizing"

The nature of the armor...

Is it about knowing and believing or doing? Rom. 13:12 Isa. 11:4, Isa. 59:16

We humbly, meekly, confidently stand.

Ex. 14:13, Deut. 1:29, 1 Sam. 17:45, 2 Chron. 20, Prov. 21:31, 2 Kings 6:16, Jude 1:24

The armor is all the benefits and privileges and rights of being in Christ-everything the gospel tells us is true, everything Paul has spent five chapters telling us about. You put it on by knowing and believing and fully embracing your identity in Christ every day and appropriating it into your life.

“Having done everything, to stand firm”:

The Pieces

1. “Belt” of truth. Why first?

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1 Pt. 1:13

He will lie about who God is and who you are. So what is truth?

Jesus and the HS Jn. 14:6, Jn. 14:16, 1 Jn. 5:20

Scripture Jn. 17:16, 1 Tim. 3:15

Truth is our new identity. Eoh. 4:23 It needs to be real, from the inside out. Ps. 51:6

2. Breastplate of righteousness. Isa. 64:6

Keller. Christianity is not us leading a righteous life and offering it to God. It's God's son leading a righteous life and offering it to us.

1 Cor. 1:30 2 Cor. 5:21 The skirmish... Rom. 4:4, Rom. 8:1, 33

It's not us. Phil. 3:9

3. Shoes of preparation of the gospel of peace.

What is the gospel of peace?

Isa. 9:6, Peace with God- Rom. 5:1, gives the peace of God Jn. 14:27, col. 3:15, Isa. 26:12 Rom. 16:20

Where does Paul get his metaphor? Isa. 52:6 So what does this mean for us?

Rom. 12:11

Communion? Ex. 12:11

4. Shield of faith with which you extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Where's the comfort?!

Gen. 15:1, 2 Sam. 22:31

What am I having faith in Jesus for?

-Accusations

-Troubles and trials Rom. 8:35

Overwhelmingly conquer?

It is by faith *in Christ* we lay hold of the promises of God. It is by faith *in Christ* that we lay hold of the power of God.

Discussion

Share any current spiritual battles you or a loved one are going through and pray for each other.