

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Message #9: Ephesians 6:10-20

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so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground,
and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then*

Ephesians 6:13-14

From now on

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6:10-12 (see notes on Ephesians 1:20-21 for more on the residents of the heavenlies)

- 1) Us "walkers" should expect _____

- 2) Know your _____ (and especially who isn't!)



Standing and walking

¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then

Ephesians 6:10-20 (see Isaiah 59:16-20)

1) “Stand” is a _____

2) “when” means that God saves _____, not _____, the day of evil

The full armor of God

¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions, with all kinds of prayers and requests

Ephesians 6:14-17

1) The “armor” is both a first century picture and Paul’s reflection on _____

2) Defensive weapons are _____

truth (Psalm 51:6; Psalm 40:11)

righteousness (Psalm 96:13; Isaiah 11:4-5; Psalm 59:17)

gospel (Proverbs 4:26; Isaiah 52:6 (see Romans 10); and Psalm 66:9)

faith (Isaiah 11:4-5; Psalm 31:11-14)

salvation (Isaiah 43-45; Psalm 25:5)

3) Offensive weapons are _____

Sword of the Spirit (Revelation 1:10, 19:15; Luke 10; Matthew 4:1-11; Psalm 45)

prayer in the Spirit (Jeremiah 42:4-5; Acts 9:11, 16:25; Colossians 4:3; Daniel 9:20-23)

Praying one more time with Paul

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Ephesians 6:18-20

1) Paul changes back from command to _____

2) Warfare prayer includes _____

3) Warfare prayer is for the sake of _____

4) One sign of warfare prayer is _____ (see Acts 4:23-31)

Resources for further studies of Ephesians

For studying Ephesians 6

James White's *The Fight* and Richard Lovelace's *The Dynamics of Spiritual Life* are classic texts on spiritual warfare

Spurgeon's "The Sword of the Spirit" at <https://www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/sermons/the-sword-of-the-spirit/#flipbook/>

Maclaren's short commentary at <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mac/ephesians-5.html>

Riddlebarger's final of fifteen sermons on Ephesians at <http://kimriddlebarger.squarespace.com/sermons-on-ephesians/Be%20Strong%20in%20the%20Lord%20edited%2015.pdf>

Bob Deffinbaugh's sermon includes a good summary of the Bible's teaching on spiritual warfare at <https://bible.org/seriespage/26-spiritual-warfare-ephesians-610-20>

This is a wonderful Bible Project introduction on youtube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=12&v=Y71r-T98E2Q&feature=emb_logo

Bob Deffinbaugh's Ephesians series is at <https://bible.org/series/ephesians-glory-god-church>

Spurgeon's series of messages on Ephesians are at http://www.romans45.org/spurgeon/index/r_eph.htm

Kim Riddlebarger's sermons on Ephesians are at <http://kimriddlebarger.squarespace.com/sermons-on-ephesians/?jsessionid=3799445CA50CA06F2F395D4FBE89D586.v5-web017>

ThirdMill has produced "Paul and the Ephesians" at <https://thirdmill.org/seminary/lesson.asp/vid/19/version/>

Desiring God, John Piper's media ministry, has some wonderful resources at

<https://www.desiringgod.org/scripture/ephesians/1/messages>

Mark Johnston's "Preaching Ephesians" at <https://www.reformation21.org/articles/preaching-ephesians.php>

Doug's favorite commentaries are John R. W. Stott's *The Message of Ephesians* (IVP, 1979), William Hendriksen, *Exposition of Ephesians* (Baker Book House, 1967); Ephesians in the *Expositor's Bible Commentary* (Zondervan, 1981) by A. Skevington Wood; and, much shorter, F. F. Bruce's *The Epistle to the Ephesians* (Revell, 1961).

Martyn Lloyd-Jones has a wonderful seven volume series on Ephesians (Baker Books, 1978).

The text we spent the most time on in Darrell Johnson's class was Timothy Gombis' *The Drama of Ephesians* (IVP Academic, 2010)

The Gospel Coalition has resources on Ephesians at <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/ephesians/>

F.F. Bruce's paraphrase is available at https://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/eq/1962-3_163.pdf

	A.D.	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80
Death, resurrection of Christ (A.D. 33 [or 30])†		●										
Paul's conversion (33/34*)			●									
Paul's first Jerusalem visit (36/37*)				●								
Paul's second Jerusalem visit (famine relief) (44–47*)					■							
Paul's first missionary journey (46–47)					●							
Paul's third Jerusalem visit (apostolic council) (48–49*)					●							
Paul's second missionary journey (48/49–51*)					■							
Paul's third journey (incl. 3 years in Ephesus) (52–57*)						■						
Paul, under house arrest in Rome, writes to Ephesus (62*)									●			
Paul martyred in Rome (64–67*)									■			

Working outline of Ephesians

Overall Theme:

Chapters 1-3 The Glory of God in the Church

Chapter 1 The glory of God in redemption

Chapter 2 The glory of God in reconciliation

Chapter 3 The glory of God in the revelation of the mystery of the church

Chapters 4-6 The Glory and Pleasure of God through the Church

Chapter 4 The glory of God in the unity and growth of the church

Chapter 5 The glory of God in the imitation of Christ by the saints

Chapter 6 The glory of God in victory of Christ