

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

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PART 10: THE ARMOR OF GOD

The apostle Paul closes his letter to the Christians in Ephesus by teaching them about spiritual warfare. As I previously stated, the four Gospels were not written at this time and the Ephesians knew very little about the attack that Jesus had done to the demonic world. Since we now have the entire New Testament, we know that Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil. **1 John 3:8**

PUTTING ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

The first thing Paul told the Christians in Ephesus was to be strong in the Lord and walk in the power of Jesus Christ. **Ephesians 6:10**

Is it possible to be strong in the Lord? Yes, but it doesn't happen in the physical strength of an individual but through supernatural power given by the Holy Spirit. **Matthew 10:1; Luke 9:1; Acts 1:4-8**

It is possible to stand and not be defeated. **Ephesians 6:11**

A Christian doesn't fight people; he is fighting spiritual entities. **verse 12**

A BIBLICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ENEMY

God created the angels before Adam and Eve with angelic civilizations spread throughout the universe. We don't know the time gap between the creation of the angelic civilizations and Adam and Eve, but at some point there was a rebellion against God by the Cherub Lucifer, and he enticed one third of the angels to join him in this rebellion. **Isaiah 14:12-20; Ezekiel 28:11-19**

Jesus revealed the horrible angelic space war took place before Adam and Eve were created. **Revelation 12:7-12**

Lucifer, also known as the Devil, the Old Serpent and Satan, was banished to the earth with all his fallen angels and they are now in a fierce war with the Church of Jesus Christ. **verses 13-17**

The Devil has placed fallen angel princes (Arcons) over each nation on the earth. **Daniel 10:4-13; 20**

The Devil rules over a spiritual kingdom on this earth. **Matthew 12:22-29**

The lowest ranking beings in Satan's kingdom are known as demons or evil spirits. Jesus constantly encountered them and dealt harshly with them. **Matthew 17:14-21**

Jesus called Satan the "prince of this world." **John 14:30; 16:11**



Remember, Satan and all his fallen angels are still loose on this earth until the day that Jesus will have him bound during the 1000 year kingdom. **Revelation 20:1-3**

THE ARMOR OF GOD

If we don't put on the whole armor of God, we cannot survive the spiritual war regardless if we believe it exists or not. **Ephesians 6:13**

- ❖ The girdle of truth (belt).
- ❖ The breastplate of righteousness. **verse 14**
- ❖ The shoes of the Gospel. **verse 15**
- ❖ The shield of faith. **verse 16**
- ❖ The helmet of salvation.
- ❖ The Sword of the Spirit. **verse 17**

PRAYER BY THE CHRISTIANS

In any modern warfare, good communication is essential to defeating the enemy. Air strikes and artillery fire are called in by frontline troops, and if a combat unit does not have access to communication, it usual means death for the men who are fighting.

When soldiers are wounded, Medivac helicopters are called in to take them to a place of medical treatment.

Prayer to God should be used to call in air strikes and artillery fire on Satan and his fallen angels to keep them at bay. Prayer should also be used when we are wounded by demonic forces and need to be treated with spiritual medical care. **Ephesians 6:18-24**

There is no vacuum in the spirit world; therefore, a Christian must dominate the area in which he lives and works or Satan and his fallen angels will. 1 Peter 5:8-9

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?