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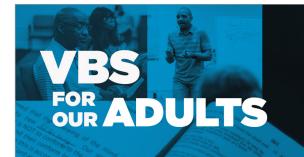
# **CLEANING DAY**

**SATURDAY JULY 20TH 9AM** AT THE CYC



Help us throw out broken and unused items

Stop by the connection corner if you are ready to help us Clean House!



I'M LISTENING: **LEARNING TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE** IN A **NOISY WORLD** 

**JULY 22ND - 26TH** 6:30PM AT THE CYC



 □ Celebration Times Wednesday 6:30pm Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 9:00am & 11:30am

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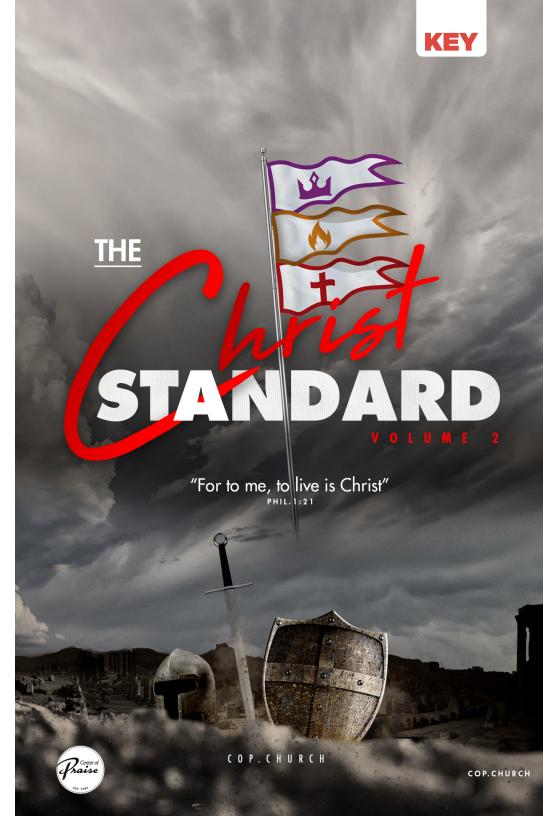
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VOLUME 2 / Week 2
ARMED FOR BATTLE
SCRIPTURE: Timothy 3:10-17,
Ephesians 6:10-17

**STANDARD:** a level of quality or attainment. An idea or thing used as a measure, norm, or model in comparative evaluations. An ensign of war; a staff with a flag or colors.

## FROM BAD TO WORSE

As the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy with instruction and encouragement for the tasks of life and ministry before him, he also simultaneously admonishes each of us to do the same. (2 Tim. 3:16). After describing in detail what the last days would be like, Paul reminds us of what he previously endured during his first missionary journey. Paul, during his difficult times, was driven out of town by *jealous* blasphemers, plotted against and eventually stoned and left for dead. (see Acts 13-14). Through it all Paul says, "I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me!" (2 Tim. 3:11).

Paul witnessed firsthand how men can go from bad to worse. But the way he overcame, is the same way he encouraged Timothy to overcome, "continue in the things you have learned... you have known the sacred writings..." (2 Tim. 3:14-15). Paul endured by knowing and applying the Word of God. So too must we.

## **FOUNDED ON TRUTH**

How was it that Paul was stoned, left for dead, yet got back up? He was equipped with <u>armor</u> his attackers knew not of. In Ephesians 6:10-17 we are taught to "stand firm against the schemes of the devil" by putting on the "full armor of God". "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in heavenly places." (Eph. 6:11-12).

The vast majority of the evil we witness with our <u>natural</u> eyes is a result of deceptive and destructive spiritual schemes. But with <u>superior</u> spiritual weaponry, we can stand, resist and overcome every attack of the enemy. **GETTING DRESSED FOR BATTLE BEGINS WITH TRUTH** (Eph. 6:14; Is. 11:5), **FOR IT IS THE BASIS OF OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST.** (John 14:6).

FACTORPOINTS

#### **HE'S HERE - WORSHIP**

Glorify the Lord for His goodness and wisdom. He has equipped you with all you need to stand and resist the enemy.

#### **HE KNOWS - LEARN**

Review the scripture references covered in this teaching. How were Paul's difficult days similar and different from ours?

## HE'S ABLE - SERVE

Receive truth and speak truth! By the grace of God, don't succumb to fear and intimidation. Recognize the attacks for what they truly are and engage the real enemy with superior spiritual weaponry.

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