

Spiritual Warfare, Get Ready the Battle Is Here

Part 6—We Look Like Losers, But We’re Not

The Foundation of Spiritual Victory

- The battle for identity is an _____ in our daily lives as we are constantly bombarded by messages that seek to _____ us
 - Satan’s primary strategy is to attack our _____

1. God’s _____: Conceived before Time.

Ephesians 1:3-6—³⁻⁶How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He’s the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him. Long before he laid down earth’s foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son. (MSG)

Ephesians 1:5—⁵God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. (NLT)

Ephesians 1:9—⁹God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. (NLT)

Ephesians 1:11—¹¹Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan. (NLT)

- This means that our _____, _____, and _____ are not based on our performance, feelings, or circumstances
 - They are based on the unwavering, unchangeable, and all-powerful _____ of God

*Revelation 13:8—⁸All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have **NOT** been written in the Lamb’s book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world. (NIV)*

- You now have a new _____ standing before the Father as you have been _____ and _____ through the sacrifice of God’s Son

Ephesians 1:7—⁷In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. (NASB1995)

1 Peter 1:18-19—¹⁸For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. (NIV)

2. Sealed You with the Holy Spirit: A _____ of Ownership and Security.

- When you _____ and _____ the gospel, a divine transaction occurred

Ephesians 1:13—¹³In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise. (NASB1995)

- A seal served several purposes:
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
- The Holy Spirit is _____ upon the believer
- The Spirit is further described as a “_____ of our inheritance”

Ephesians 1:14—¹⁴Who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory. (NASB1995)

Ephesians 1:18b—¹⁸. . . I want you to realize that God has been made rich because we who are Christ's have been given to him!
(TLB)

3. From Death to Life: A New _____ and _____.

Ephesians 2:4-6 (Sel.)—⁴But God . . . ⁶raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.
(NASB1995)

- We are not _____ fighting for victory; we are _____ learning to walk in a victory that has already been won

Ephesians 2:10—¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. (NASB1995)

- You become a _____ to the reality and power of God

Ephesians 3:12—¹²Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence. (NLT)

1 Peter 5:9—⁹Stand firm against him [Satan], and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are. (NLT)

Jude 3b—³. . . But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people. (NLT)

Action Step . . .

- Remember whose you are!