

# Spiritual Warfare, Get Ready the Battle Is Here Part 1—When the Battle Rages, Hold That Line

- There is a pervasive spiritual and ideological war being waged for the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of all people, with its outcome determining their \_\_\_\_\_

*Ephesians 6:12—<sup>12</sup>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. (NIV)*

- Victory in this war is achieved by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the believer's position of \_\_\_\_\_

*Ephesians 1:13—<sup>13</sup>And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit. (NIV)*

*Ephesians 1:20b-23a—<sup>20</sup>. . . [God] raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body. . . (NIV)*

## 1. Ephesus—A \_\_\_\_\_ for the Devil.

*Acts 20:29—<sup>29</sup>I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. (NIV)*

*Acts 19:11-12—<sup>11</sup>God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, <sup>12</sup>so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them. (NIV)*

*Acts 19:18-19—<sup>18</sup>Many who became believers confessed their sinful practices. <sup>19</sup>A number of them who had been practicing sorcery brought their incantation books and burned them at a public bonfire. The value of the books was several million dollars. (NLT)*

*Acts 19:23-27 (Sel.)—<sup>23</sup>About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way. <sup>24</sup>A silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought in a lot of business for the craftsmen there. <sup>25</sup>He called them together, along with the workers in related trades, and said: “You know, my friends, that we receive a good income from this business. <sup>26</sup>And you see and hear how this fellow Paul has convinced and led astray large numbers of people . . . <sup>27</sup>There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited; and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty.” (NIV)*

## 2. The Believers' Position of \_\_\_\_\_.

- You have to look \_\_\_\_\_ the battle, to the \_\_\_\_\_
  - If you'd just understand your \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus, and you never \_\_\_\_\_ from it, you would \_\_\_\_\_ the battle
  - We are to \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_ in a manner worthy of Him, then \_\_\_\_\_ in battle
  - Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ in the Heavenly realms; He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of His body, the \_\_\_\_\_; I am \_\_\_\_\_ of the church; so, I am \_\_\_\_\_ in the Heavenly realms

*Ephesians 1:5—<sup>5</sup>He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will. (NIV)*

*John 8:44—<sup>44</sup>You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. (NIV)*

### **3. The Believers' Call to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- The only way to win the spiritual battle is to \_\_\_\_\_ to your \_\_\_\_\_
  - The staff represented God's \_\_\_\_\_, and holding it high guaranteed \_\_\_\_\_
  - Believers must continuously hold to their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ to \_\_\_\_\_

*Romans 10:9-10—<sup>9</sup>If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. (NLT)*

#### **Action Steps . . .**

- Accept Christ as Savior
- Hold that line!