

THE BATTLE

(Part 1)

Knowing Your Enemy


ARE WE AWARE OF THE BATTLE?



IS THIS THE BATTLE?



WHAT BATTLE?

2 Corinthians 10:4

For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

WHO IS THE ENEMY?

1 Timothy 6:12

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

WHO IS THE ENEMY?

Romans 7:22-24

For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, 23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

BATTLE OVER SIN AND SEPERATION

- We were created to walk with God
- Sin separated from our created purpose and condemned us to death apart from our creator
- Jesus took on our punishment and defeated sin and death.
- Romans 3:23-25 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.



WHO IS MY ENEMY?

1 Peter 5:8

8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

WHO IS THE DEVIL?

- Isaiah 14
- Previous creation of God who became proud and sought to become like God
- Was considered beautiful and strong.
- Was cast down with no hope of redemption.
- Previously called “morning star”

OTHER REFERENCES TO THE DEVIL

- The Serpent (Genesis)
- Father of Lies (Johne 8:44)
- Roaring Lion (1 Peter 5:8)
- Accuser of the brethren (Revelations)
- Tempter (Matthew 4:3)
- Prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2)

SATAN HOLDS NO POWER OVER US

- By Grace Through Faith
- 2 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

WHO ARE WE?

Royal Priesthood

Church

Body of Christ

Holy Temple

Brothers and Sisters

Children of God

Fellow heirs with Christ



THE AIM OF OUR OLD SIN NATURE AND THE DEVIL IS TO SEPARATE US FROM GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

STAND FIRM

- Ephesians 6:10-13
- Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm