

A Different Kind of War  
1/4/23

Ephesians 6:10-20-<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by his vast strength. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens. <sup>13</sup> For this reason take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on your chest, <sup>15</sup> and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In every situation take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.

Observations:

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The war is not won by us, but rather by the Lord  
The war is fought by “real” weapons  
The war is ongoing by a crafty enemy  
The war is fought only through deliberate ongoing pursuit

I. The weapons in context

1. The belt
2. The breastplate
3. The shoes
4. The shield
5. The helmet
6. The sword

## 7. The communication

### II. The application of the weapons

#### 1. Saturate yourself with Truth!

<sup>14</sup> Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist,

#### 2. Get right! (Put the Bible to work in your life)

"righteousness like armor on your chest"

\*We must understand that we could never be "RIGHT-eous" apart from being saved.

\*We understand however that we have to strive to live like righteous folks everyday.

#### 3. Be confident

"and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace. "

\*We get peace through Jesus

\*It is a life habit of living without fear.

\*It is the absence of confusion

#### 4. Believe God!

"In every situation take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. "

#### 5. Be fully assured

"Take the helmet of salvation"

#### 6. Leverage scripture as a weapon

"and the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God. "

#### 7. Pray consistently

"Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request"

## Part 2

### III **What are Satan's goals?**

**[gotquestions.org/content\\_angels\\_demons\\_Satan](http://gotquestions.org/content_angels_demons_Satan).**

A. Ultimately to kill steal and destroy

[1 Peter 5:8](#)). Be sober-minded, be alert. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour.

B. To stop the gospel and distort scripture.

[Matthew 13](#):<sup>3</sup> Then he told them many things in parables, saying, "Consider the sower who went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> As he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup> Other seed fell on rocky ground where it didn't have much soil, and it grew up quickly since the soil wasn't deep. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good ground and produced fruit: some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup> Let anyone who has ears<sup>Ⓜ</sup> listen."

<sup>18</sup> "So listen to the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word about the kingdom and doesn't understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the one sown along the path.

[Matthew 13](#):<sup>24</sup> He presented another parable to them: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup> But while people were sleeping, his enemy came, sowed weeds among the wheat, and left. <sup>26</sup> When the plants sprouted and produced grain, then the weeds also appeared. <sup>27</sup> The landowner's servants came to him and said, 'Master, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Then where did the weeds come from?'

<sup>28</sup> "'An enemy did this,' he told them.

"So, do you want us to go and pull them up?' the servants asked him.

<sup>29</sup> "'No,' he said. 'When you pull up the weeds, you might also uproot the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest. At harvest time I'll tell the reapers: Gather the weeds first and tie them in bundles to burn them, but collect the wheat in my barn.'"

Alisa Childers says....Progressive Christians have issues with...

--The Bible

"The Bible's not clear about ^\*#%! The Bible is a library. Let's say you have this huge library in your house and ask, "What's the clear message my library has to say about `gender" The poetry is going to say one thing, history says another, prose says something, science fiction says something else. It's like saying, "Oh no, the library is clear." Nadia Bolz-Weber

--The cross

--The gospel

C. To tempt and lead believers into sin.

[1 Thessalonians 3:5](#) For this reason, when I could no longer stand it, I also sent him to find out about your faith, fearing that the tempter had tempted you and that our labor might be for nothing.

[1 John 2:16](#): For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one's possessions—is not from the Father, but is from the world.

IV Fertile soil for our enemy!

What is leading to so many believers deconstructing? (Walking away from Faith)

Trevin Wax says....

1. Cultural chaos
2. Church confusion
3. Christian complacency

Close:

“Having prepared everything, to take your stand”

Paul of Tarsus