

## September 18th – Our Weapons of Warfare

*“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when our obedience is fulfilled” (2 Cor. 10:4-6)*

Have you ever stopped to think about all the weaponry that is available to the men and women of our armed forces? There are planes – fighters planes, bombers, etc. There are sea-faring vessels – battleships, submarines, etc. And of course, there are a multitude of guns – handguns, rifles, semi-automatics, Gatling guns, etc. Our brave men and women have some amazing weapons, but none of them are as powerful as the weapons that are available to God’s children.

Paul said, “the weapons of our warfare are not carnal.” In other words, God has not called us to take up arms and be crusaders against the infidels. Rather, our weapons are spiritual – prayer, Bible study, fellowship, evangelism, etc. These spiritual weapons are powerful enough to “pull down arguments...and every high thing that exalts itself against God.” The lies and deceptions of Satan are no match for the truth of God. By sharing His truth with others, we can bring our thoughts and theirs “into captivity to the obedience of Christ.” Are you captivated by God?

These spiritual weapons are not only effective for confronting the lies of the world, but they are also necessary to deal with sin and deceit in the church. There were some in Corinth who were trying to discredit the ministry of Paul. Rather than taking up swords and clubs to come against those who were reviling him, he armed himself with truth that would lead to church discipline. Considering this, let’s put on the whole armor (Eph. 6:10ff) and use our spiritual weaponry for the glory of God.