

LIVE WITH SPIRITUAL ARMOR

Ephesians 6:10-24

SERMON SUMMARY:

We now conclude Paul's letter to the Ephesian church by tackling one last aspect of the Christian life: the spiritual war. Paul lays out the reality of the spiritual forces at work, and then how to respond to it. By putting on the armor of God, we will stand firm.

SERMON OUTLINE:

The Source of Evil

There is real evil in the world, and this evil comes from the great enemy of God: The Devil.

The Strength of the Lord

Our ability to fight in the spiritual battle comes when we are joined with Christ.

The Need for Armor

We often underestimate our crafty enemy.

Put on The Armor of God

The armor enables you to stand firm...

"So that" you may boldly proclaim the gospel.

Application

Be alert to and recognize the allure of the schemes of the Devil.

Continually be joined with Christ as you live for Him.

THINK ABOUT IT/TALK ABOUT IT:

- In what ways is the Devil at work in the world today?
- What happens when we engage in spiritual warfare in our own power?
- What do Americans generally think about demons, the devil, etc?
- Which piece (or pieces) of armor do you need to put on? Why?
- Have you ever connected the armor of God with proclaiming the gospel? Why do you think Paul connects those two ideas?
- What kinds of schemes is the devil up to? How can we be watchful?
- Why do we fall for the Devil's schemes sometimes? What makes his tactics attractive?
- What steps can we take to continually stay joined with Christ?