



the lake church

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Psalm 119:105

“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path”

THIS IS SPIRITUAL WARFARE

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

Ephesians 6:12

“Paul closes this letter with both warning about that war and instructions on how to win it. The Lord provides His saints with sufficient armor to combat and thwart the adversary.”

- Dr John MacArthur

HOW to WIN the War:

I. SHOW UP TO THE WAR

Ephesians 6:12, 2 Timothy 1:7

“There is no neutral ground in the universe; every square inch, every split second is claimed by God, and counterclaimed by Satan.” – CS Lewis

II. SUIT UP FOR THE WAR

Ephesians 6:11

1. THE BELT OF TRUTH

Ephesians 6:14a

2. THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Ephesians 6:14

3. THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

Ephesians 6:15, Isaiah 26:3

4. THE SHIELD OF FAITH

Ephesians 6:16

5. THE HELMET OF SALVATION

Ephesians 6:17a

6. THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, which is the WORD OF GOD

Ephesians 6:17b

ONLY offensive weapon. (ONLY one we need)

III. STAND UP IN THE WAR

HOW do we STAND UP?

Ephesians 6:11 ***“Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to STAND FIRM against the schemes of the devil.”***

Ephesians 6:13-14 ***“Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to STAND YOUR GROUND, and after you have done everything, to STAND. STAND FIRM THEN”***

Ephesians 6:12 ***“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”***

- We are NEVER told anywhere in the Bible to RUN from the devil.
- We are NEVER told to attack the devil. Why?
 - (1) Satan is NOT afraid of you and me. (He does fear God.)
 - (2) We have no power – on our own – against him.
 - (3) 1 Peter 5:8 (NAS) ***“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”***
James 4:7, Ephesians 6:10

YOUR job ... SHOW UP ... SUIT UP ... STAND UP

Ephesians 6:18 ***“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”***