

FIGHT EPHESIANS 6:10-20

Paul preparing Ephesians for warfare - Christians must fight against evil
Armed with weapons of righteousness - Led by Christ our Lord

CHRISTIANS STAND FOR TRUTH & FIGHT EVIL

Fight of Faith

1Timothy 6:12 *Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

Philippians 1:27 *Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;*

Jude 1:3 *Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.*

Philippians 1:15-17 *Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will; the latter do it out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel; the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my imprisonment.*

Fight against evil - Ephesians 6:12

1Peter 5:8 *Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

Galatians 5:17 *For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.*

Romans 7:23 *but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.*

ARMED WITH WEAPONS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Armor of God - Ephesians 6:13

2Corinthians 6:7 *in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left,*

Romans 13:12 *The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.*

Waist girded with truth - Ephesians 6:14

Breastplate - Ephesians 6:14

Isaiah 59:17 *He put on righteousness like a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; And He put on garments of vengeance for clothing And wrapped Himself with zeal as a mantle.*

1Thessalonians 5:8 *But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.*

Shield of Faith - Ephesians 6:16

Helmet of Salvation - Ephesians 6:17

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Word of God - Ephesians 6:17

Hebrews 4:12 *For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

Prayer is a weapon - Ephesians 6:18

Weapons are of God

2Corinthians 10:4-5 *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete.*

LED BY CHRIST

1Peter 2:21 *For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,*

1John 2:6 *the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.*

Romans 6:16 *Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?*

MUST USE TO BE EFFECTIVE

Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Ephesians 6:17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

Romans 13:12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

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ALL MUST FIGHT

Philippians 1:29-30 For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

Matthew 12:30 He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

James 4:4 You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

2Timothy 4:7-8 But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

Numbers 14:20-24 So the Lord said, "I have pardoned them according to your word; but indeed, as I live, all the earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord. Surely all the men who have seen My glory and My signs which I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have put Me to the test these ten times and have not listened to My voice, shall by no means see the land which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who spurned Me see it. But My servant Caleb, because he has had a different spirit and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land which he entered, and his descendants shall take possession of it."

Will you fight for Heaven? Love, joy, & peace are necessary but will not substitute for responsibility to fight for truth. Won't you join the fight today?

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