

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

OUTLINE - 5/3/15

EPHESIANS 6:10 - 15

Ephesians: God's people presented as a number of things

An assembly, a family, a temple, the bride of Christ

In Ephesians 6 - final picture of God's people is as an army

This army is in the midst of a war that extends beyond the earth & into the heavens

Ephesians 6:10

"Be strong in the Lord"

Power - "kratos" primarily refers to God's kingdom authority, dominion, majesty

Ephesians 6:11

"Put on the full armor of God"

How does Paul describe our adversary?

Ephesians 6:12

The picture of a wrestler

How does Paul more fully explain the nature of this war?

What type of picture does Paul paint of satan's kingdom?

Matthew 12:22-28

1. Satan has a kingdom
2. his kingdom is not divided but organized

Colossians 1:13

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

What are the weapons of our warfare?

What is the battleground on which this war is fought?

What kind of strongholds does the Bible describe? see 2 Corinthians 4:4

Ephesians 6:13

"Take up the whole armor of God"

What do you think is the "evil day" Paul is referring to?

Luke 6:46-49

Ephesians 6:14

The whole armor of God - the illustration of a Roman soldier

1. The girdle of truth

What "truth" is Paul describing?

Colossians 2:13-15

1. Jesus has already totally defeated Satan thru His death on the cross - thru His blood - and thru His resurrection
2. He has disarmed Satan's kingdom
3. We are to share in Christ's triumph - 2 Corinthians 2:14

2. The breastplate of righteousness

Breastplate guards your heart - Proverbs 4:23

Breastplate of faith and love - 1 Thessalonians 5:8

Righteousness by faith - Philippians 3:9 - 2 Corinthians 5:21

Example: Luke 22:31-32 - Jesus prays for Peter

Ephesians 6:15

3. Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace

Shoes provide mobility and readiness

preparation - understanding - peace

Matthew 10:12-13