

SESSION 27
EPHESIANS 6. 15-18

Overarching Themes in Ephesians: "The letter dwells profoundly on the Person of Jesus Christ and The Church." R.P. Martin

Context: The trumpet call of the previous verses to be strong in the Lord and to "withstand", "stand", and "stand therefore" in the spiritual battle that rages in our present reality having put on the whole armor of God.

Learning Targets For Enduring Understanding From This Session:

To understand the components of the spiritual armor that God makes available through Christ to the believer.

To understand that the true battle position for the believer is that of prayer birthed of the Holy Spirit through whole hearted surrender to Him, employing the Word of God in intercession for the saints.

V 15 What is symbolized in this verse and what is the command being issued?

Isa 52.7

Rom 10. 14-15

What do you think Paul means by the "equipment of the gospel of peace"?

Awareness → Light → Joy → Invitation → Collaboration → Fusion

Revelation → Conviction → Repentance → Forgiveness → Cleansing →
Healing → Refreshment → Redemption → Holiness

V 16 What is the major flaming dart of Satan and what must we always remember?

1 Cor 10.13

How is faith operating as a shield in the spiritual battle? Mic 7.7 Is 41.13

V 17 What does it mean to "take the helmet of salvation"? Heb 7.25

What is the sword of the Spirit and under what conditions is it effective in battle?

Heb 11.4b

Heb 4.12-13

Rev 19.11-16

Always remember the example of Jesus confronting the devil in the wilderness (Luke 4.1-13). By the power of the Holy Spirit, scripture, written upon the yielded heart, is available to the renewed mind to be spoken with Christ's authority into the moment of trial with "cutting power" to accomplish the will of God in sanctifying the believer, bringing glory to Christ and crushing Satan and all his demonic schemes.

V 18 Why do you think this verse is the capstone of the believer's preparation for spiritual warfare?

What is prayer?

What is the proper posture for prayer?

For what specifically is Paul asking the readers of this letter to pray?