THE CHRISTIAN'S FIGHT

Eph 6:10-20

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Paul is preparing the Ephesians for warfare in Eph 6:10-20
- B. Christians must fight against evil
- C. Armed with weapons of righteousness
- D. Led by our Commander-In-Chief, Jesus the Christ
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DISCUSSION:

I. CHRISTIANS STAND FOR TRUTH & FIGHT EVIL

- A. Fight of faith
 - 1. Fight good fight of faith 1Tim 6:12
 - 2. Striving for faith of gospel Phil 1:27
 - 3. Earnestly contend for faith Jude 3
 - 4. Set for defense of gospel Phil 1:15-17
- B. Fight against evil
 - 1. The flesh Gal 5:17
 - 2. The world Eph 6:12; Jhn 16:33; 1Jhn 5:4,5
 - 3. Life in general 2Tim 2:4
 - 4. Against self Rom 7:23
 - 5. Against the devil 1Pet 5:8

II. ARMED WITH WEAPONS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

- A. Armor and protection of God Eph 6:13
 - 1. Righteousness 2Cor 6:7
 - 2. Light Rom 13:12
- B. Defensive or protective
 - 1. Breastplate of righteousness Eph 6:14; 1Thess 5:8
 - 2. Helmet of salvation Eph 6:17; 1Thess 5:8;
 - 3. Shield of faith Eph 6:16
 - 4. Waist girded with truth Eph 6:14
- C. Weapons are "of God" 2Cor 10:4,5
 - 1. Sword of Spirit = word of God Eph 6:17; Heb 4:12
 - 2. Prayer is also a weapon Eph 6:18

III. LED BY CHRIST

- A. Jesus is our captain Heb 2:10
- B. Jesus is our leader 1Pet 2:21; 1Jhn 2:6
- C. We must present ourselves as His servants Rom 6:16

IV. A WEAPON MUST BE USED TO BE EFFECTIVE

- A. Note the action verbs in scriptures
 - 1. "Take" sword Eph 6:17
 - 2. "Put on" armor Eph 6:11
 - 3. "Cast off" darkness Rom 13:12
 - 4. "Putting on" breastplate 1Thess 5:8
- B. All weapons, regardless of how good are useless without our actions they will not act by themselves

CONCLUSION:

- A. All must fight
 - 1. Must have the same conflict Paul had Phil 1:30
 - 2. On one side or the other Matt 12:30; Jas 4:4
 - 3. God expected the Israelites to fight Num 14:1-4,20-24 a. Lost Canaan because they would not fight
 - b. Can we escape without fight Heb 2:2,3
 - 4. God expects us to fight for our reward 2Tim 4:7,8; Matt 19:17; Jhn 14:15-23
- B. Will you fight in order to have heaven as reward?
- C. Love, joy, peace are necessary, but will not substitute for our responsibility to fight for truth.
- D. Why not join the fight today?