

We Are Strong!

"There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devil. One is to disbelieve in his existence and the other is to believe and feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in him." C.S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters

We discover an unexpected twist at the end of the book of Ephesians which we must take seriously. Whether or not we acknowledge it, we are in the battle of our lives!

Four Questions About The Battle:

1. What are we fighting for?

2. Who are we fighting? (vs.11 & 12)

The word *Satan* appears 52 times in scripture and primarily means adversary.

The word *Devil* appears 35 times in scripture and Primarily means slanderer.

3. How does our enemy fight? (vs. 11)

(Also see 2Cor.10:4-5)

4. How can I (we) fight this battle and stand in victory? (vs. 10-11)

(Also see Eph 1:19-21, Eph 2:6, Isaiah 59:15-18)

Application: What must I do and what can we do to "be strong in the Lord and the power of his might"?

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Small Group Questions

1. Where would you place yourself in terms of taking "the devil" seriously?
Very much, some what, not much? Why?
2. What are we fighting for? In other words; what happens if we ignore the reality of Satan as our enemy in this journey of following Christ?
3. We established that these are "plural" imperatives.
What can we do as small groups and as a Church to "stand" against the evil one?
4. Do you believe that any thing in your life has been affected by this battle?
Can you share what that it is, and what you have done about it?
5. What does it mean, in real terms, to "put on the full armor of God"?