

"What Is Spiritual Warfare?: Does It Really Matter?"

Ephesians 6:10-13

"Spiritual warfare (the battle to operate in reality) is the responsibility of every Christian to fight valiantly for Christ to be hallowed, treasured, glorified, revered, prioritized, obeyed, loved, and viewed as sufficient for all things, through the salvation of the lost, the sanctification of the saints, the public and private worship of His children, and His people joyfully identifying with Christ in the sufferings and the blessings of this life." (Matthew 10:37-39)

"Satan, our flesh, and this world fight relentlessly that every Christian would be uninterested or be minimalistic for Christ to be hallowed, treasured, glorified, revered, prioritized, obeyed, loved, and viewed as sufficient in all things, through focusing on the sins and failures or accomplishments of ourselves or others, desiring to be loved by the world and God, busying people by a focus on the cares of life or accolades in this life, or believing lies and false doctrines, that lead to a lack of interest in the salvation of the lost, the sanctification of the saints, the public and private worship of God, and identifying with Christ in the sufferings and blessings of this life." (1 Peter 5:8-9; cf. Luke 22:31-34)

- Ephesians 6:10-13:

- "Be strong in the Lord": My fighting valiantly is totally dependent on my humble admittance of my weakness and my proclamation of His strength. *"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)* My resistance is dependent on my submitting.
- "Put on the whole armor of God": Spiritual warfare is "all in". I must put on the whole armor or I'm susceptible to attack, leading to uninterest and a minimalistic Christianity. *"and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised." (2 Corinthians 5:15; cf. Galatians 2:20)* I live for the will of God, and His will is that His Name would be hallowed (Matthew 6:9-10).
- "The schemes of the devil": He is a liar, he is the father of lies, so we should expect an attack of lies (John 8:44). He loves to accuse believers as unworthy of salvation and deceive them, leading to doubts and a lack of confidence in our salvation (Revelation 12:9-11). He wants us to be full of anxiety in suffering or possible suffering in this life (1 Peter 5:6-11). He wants to deceive us by burdening us or "freeing us" with unbiblical doctrines (1 Timothy 4:1-4). He wants us to keep back forgiveness and love towards our brothers and sisters in Christ (2 Corinthians 2:7-11). He wants us to doubt the importance or legitimacy of certain portions of Scripture or hold the wisdom of this world supreme over the Word of God (2 Corinthians 10:2-6).
- "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against...": We are source-centric people. The source of our frustrations are not flesh and blood, ultimately, and the source of our strength is not flesh and blood, ultimately. Our job is to appeal to *The* source for strength and to attack the source in our warfare. The fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-26) is the way we deal with flesh and blood and Spiritual Warfare is the way we deal with our enemies (Ephesians 6:13-20). Friendly fire is never acceptable in spiritual warfare.

- Goals for this sermon series:

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| 1) Know your weapons and your armor. | 4) Live in reality. |
| 2) Know your enemy. | 5) Properly prioritize your life. |
| 3) Know your source of strength. | 6) Fight valiantly. |

Worship: Grace Alone — The Modern Post Tis So Sweet — Various Artists

Holy, Holy, Holy — Sovereign Grace Music **Closing Song:** How Deep — Kings Kaleidoscope

Service Times: Sundays: Pneumatology Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

Account Balance: \$22,176.44 September Balance: \$27,297.26	Weekly Budget: \$3,157
Total Giving: October 2	\$4,113
Total Giving: October 9	\$1,730
Total Giving: October 16	\$1,908
Total Giving: October 23	\$1,449
Total Giving: October 30	\$3,929

Announcements:

★**CLEANING MINISTRY:** With the move into the new building comes a new opportunity to serve! It will be our responsibility as a church body to clean and maintain the building, so we are looking for volunteers to help with that! There is a sign-up list in the back, please sign up if you are interested in helping with this ministry! Please see Krystal if you have any questions. We will be having a meeting in 2 weeks, on Sunday, November 20th, for those who are interested in serving in this ministry.

★**PSA:** There is no janitor on staff for this building — the Set-up/Tear-down Ministry and the future Cleaning Ministry ARE NOT our janitorial staff. We are all responsible as a church body to take care of this building that the Lord has blessed us with. That means that we all need to participate in the upkeep and cleanliness of the whole building! So if you make a mess, see a mess, or if you find something that needs cleaning up, please take the time to clean it up!

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner NEXT Sunday, November 13th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list in the back, please sign-up to bring something for the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

★**FRIENDSGIVING:** Our annual Friendsgiving Dinner will be on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 6:30pm, here at the church! There is a sign-up list in the back, please sign-up to bring something to this dinner and we invite EVERYONE to join us for this!