

STUDY TWELVE | EPHESIANS 6:10-24

RESIST

The dramatic finale

In verse 10 Paul uses the word ‘finally’ because this is not a random diversion but the glorious climax to the book of Ephesians. Paul outlines God’s battle-plan for our spiritual resistance to the devil’s scheming. He wants to make sure that his readers are under no illusions about the reality and seriousness of the forces of evil. He wants them and us to understand that to be a Christian is to be at war. Worse than that, it is a dirty war where there are no rules and seemingly small things can bring us down.

A major conspiracy

Increasing numbers of people are believing the dangerous lie that the occult is harmless. For many people the idea of the Devil is a joke. He’s pictured as comical, red-bearded character, dressed in a suit and holding a pitchfork. Some Christians who whole-heartedly believe in heaven choose not to believe in the Devil. This is the greatest trick the Devil could have ever pulled – to convince the world he doesn’t exist.

Taking Satan too seriously?

At the other extreme there are Christians and churches who take the Devil too seriously. They become preoccupied with Satan and mistakenly believe he has more power than he does. For the Christian, Satan has been stripped of his power and all we have to do against the Devil is to stand! Resist the Devil and he will flee (James 4:7) We can resist his lies and be protected by the armour of God.

The armour of God

What is this? Firstly notice that this is of God. God is the one who provides it. All we have to do is put it on and stand firm. It is not something that we have to do as much as it is relying on what God has done. The pieces of the armour are all different aspects of the good news of the gospel – that Christ died for our sins on the cross.

The power of prayer

Paul’s final request is that of prayer, this should alert us to its importance. We need to pray for each other, for our church, against the Devil’s lies and that we would always stand firm.

A NEW HUMANITY

JULY 18

EPHESIANS 5:21-33 RE-ALIGNED

JULY 25

EPHESIANS 6:1-9

CHILDREN + PARENTS / SLAVES + MASTERS

AUGUST 1

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RESOURCE



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GETTING STARTED

1. When do you find yourself thinking about the spiritual realm?

INTO THE TEXT

READ EPHESIANS 6:10-13

2. Why do you think Paul closes his letter with a warning (v.12)?
3. What are some of the “schemes of the devil” ?

READ EPHESIANS 6:13-17

4. List out all the different pieces of armour of God. What does each represent?
5. What does 1:13 tell us about the armour of God?

READ VERSES 18-24

6. What does it mean to pray “in the Spirit”
7. How does verse 17 help us understand that phrase?
8. About what does Paul ask for prayer?

TAKEAWAY

1. What is the thing in your life that poses the greatest threat to your faith? What steps can you take now to ensure you will never desert the gospel?

2. What should we be praying for:

Ourselves?

Gospel Preachers?

3. Ephesians is a very diverse letter, among all the things discovered through this series which truth has stuck most in your mind? Why?