

Victory Hour

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THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

You Are Equipped for Battle

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Introduction- Ephesians 6:10-24

Paul begins verse ten with the word, "Finally." As he brings his letter to the believers at Ephesus to a close, he urges them to be equipped and prepared for spiritual battle. Remember, he began the letter letting them know that they have been equipped with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Paul was saying to the Ephesians and even to us today, that God has given us everything we need to be powerful and victorious Christians. Go back and review chapter 1 and see what we as Christians possess (We are chosen, adopted, made accepted, redeemed, given wisdom and illumination, unified in Christ, given an inheritance and sealed by the Holy Spirit). These precious gifts are ours because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and are not only ours for the day when we shall go home to glory, but for us today as we live this life. Therefore, in chapter 1 Paul has assured us of what we possess through Jesus Christ. Now in chapter 6, he is telling us that while in this life, we will encounter Satan's many attacks. Although we won't be able to see and touch Satan, we have everything we need to defeat him, and the good news is that, the battle is already won!!!! It may not feel like it sometimes, but believe me, Satan's time is coming to a close and, You must

Outline

- 1) You have the power to defeat Satan – vs. 10-12
 - a. Spiritual Power
 - b. God's Power

- 2) You have the protection to defeat Satan – vs. 13-17
 - a. Loins girt about with truth
 - b. Breastplate of righteousness
 - c. Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace
 - d. Shield of faith
 - e. Helmet of salvation
 - f. Sword of the Spirit

- 3) You are prepared to defeat Satan – v. 18a
 - a. Be prayerful
 - b. Be watchful

- 4) You are in position to defeat Satan – vs. 18b-20
 - a. Through perseverance
 - b. Through proxy prayer
 - c. Through proclamation