



The Harvest

Embrace TRUTH | Live TRUTH | Share TRUTH

Navigating through the Storm Part 3

01.30.21 | Weekly Study

START

Start your study by inviting God's presence to meet with you as you study His word.

MAIN VERSES

[Ephesians 6:13-18](#)

OVERVIEW

In continuation of last week's sermon, we will look at one specific way we as the church can overcome – spiritual warfare. Many are unfamiliar with what Biblical spiritual warfare means and how we as every day believers can engage in it. In this teaching, we will clarify what true and effective spiritual warfare is. The better we get at it, the better our lives and world ultimately becomes.

CONTENT

[Read Ephesians 6:14](#)

What is truth? What is righteousness?

Truth is that which is real as opposed to that which is false. Jesus said in ^{NAS} John 17:17, "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth." The psalmist wrote in ^{NAS} Psalm 119:160, "The sum of Your word is truth..." By prayerfully studying the Word of God, we come into the truth concerning all that we are studying. This truth leads to liberty and blessing.

Righteousness is that which is right, as opposed to that which is wrong. Righteousness resides in God. It is defined by Him. He willingly gives His righteousness as a gift to those who confess their sins and embrace His Son as their Lord and Savior! In addition, His commandments are expressions of what righteousness looks like. As ^{NAS} Psalm 119:172 states, "Let my tongue sing of Your word, for all Your commandments are righteousness".

Read Ephesians 6:15

What is the Gospel of Peace?

The Gospel of Peace is the good news that we, who through sin are enemies of God, can be forgiven and become friends of God. This forgiveness and peace come through repentance, confession of sin, and embracing Jesus as our Lord and Savior. After we receive this reconciliation with God and begin to experience His peace, we are commissioned to share this good news with others. Freely we have received it, freely we are to give it to others.

Read Ephesians 6:17

What is the Helmet of Salvation? What is the Sword of the Spirit?

The Helmet of Salvation is the mandate to be saved. If you are not saved, you are destined to be destroyed in this battle. Repent of your sins and confess Jesus as your Lord and Savior! Get water baptized as an act of fidelity to Him and His Kingdom. This is how we do spiritual warfare!

The Sword of the Spirit is our spiritual lethal weapon for overcoming the enemies of God. It is the Word of God! God's word is powerful and can bring down strongholds in places of great authority. We need to study and meditate on it, especially within the community of faith. As we learn how to employ it, we will discover how it can bring victory and liberation to us and those in our care. Studying the Word is a lifelong discipline. It is required for all who want to overcome evil in their lives and world.

TAKE ACTION

Write down something you want to overcome in your life. Ask God for His help in overcoming it. Do a topical study in God's word relative to what you want to get victory over. Journal what you are learning. Find an accountability partner to help you walk into your freedom. This is spiritual warfare! The more you do it, the better you will get at it. The fruit will be increasing freedom, peace, and happiness in your life along with some persecution. But it will be more than worth it!