



Sunday, November 8, 2020

**MAKE A QUIET COMMITMENT:**

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *“to obey is better than sacrifice”* (1 Samuel 15:22)

I. The Wealth of the Believer (Ephesians 1:1-3:21)

II. The Walk of the Believer (4:1-6:9)

III. The Warfare of the Believer (Ephesians 6:10-20)

A. Introduction

B. Instructions: how to **stand fast** in the battle (Ephesians 6:10-12)

With the believer’s INSTRUCTIONS, Paul teaches us that we can STAND FAST in the battle when we INTENTIONALLY RELY upon the POWER OF GOD.

C. Instruments: how to **face** the battle (Ephesians 6:13-17)

Now, as we consider the believer’s INSTRUMENTS, Paul teaches us that we can FACE the battle when we INTENTIONALLY STAND READY with the ARMOR OF GOD.

1. God’s Precept for our stability in Warfare (Ephesians 6:13)
2. God’s Protection for our security in Warfare (Ephesians 6:14-17a)
  - i. He is rooted in truth (Ephesians 6:14a)

? “Do I really want to fight him at all? Am I sincere about this spiritual warfare?”

- ii. He is righteous in his testimony (Ephesians 6:14b)

? “Am I living the kind of life that enables me to engage in this conflict?”

iii. He is **resolute** where he **treads**—He is confident & courageous in his faith (Ephesians 6:15)

? “Am I prepared to fight?” “Am I bold in the battle, because my feet are firmly rooted in Gospel of peace?”



We must keep in mind the context of this passage (Ephesians 6:10-14). The context is the believer in conflict with Satan.

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“And your feet shod ...” (Eph 6:15) – The Christian soldier is to have his feet made ready by being “shod” or lit. “bound under one’s feet” in order to be equipped or prepared.

“...with the preparation of the gospel of peace;” (Eph 6:15) – The word “preparation” carries the idea of being made ready or equipped. It speaks of a foundation or firm footing—stability.

The follower of God is “... to be ready to [for] every good work,” (Titus 3:1).

This is what he was created for as a means to bring glory to God (Ephesians 2:10; Colossians 1:10).

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**Romans 5:1** Therefore being justified [*declared righteous*] by faith, we have peace with **God** through our **Lord Jesus Christ**:

a) He had motivating **conviction** because of his **penalty**

**Romans 3:19** Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped [*having no defense or excuse*], and all the world may become guilty [*convicted*] before **God**.

? Was I brought under conviction because of the penalty of my sin?

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**Romans 3:24** Being justified [*declared righteous*] freely [*without merit*] by His grace through the redemption [*paid for by*] that is in **Christ Jesus**:

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? Have I placed my faith in Christ alone for my salvation?

**Romans 10:13** For whosoever shall call upon the name of the **Lord** shall be saved.

b) He has stabilizing **confidence** because of his **position**

? Do I believe that God’s Word is truth?

**1 Corinthians 15:1** Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the Gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

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**Romans 8:1** *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in **Christ Jesus**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the **Spirit**.

**Ephesians 3:12** In **Whom** [*Christ Jesus – cf. v. 11*] we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of **Him**.

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**Hebrews 4:14** Seeing then that we have a great **High Priest**, that is passed into the heavens, **Jesus** the **Son of God**, let us hold fast *our* profession.

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c) He has enabling **courage** because of God's **promises**

He can have courage to step into the battle because of the faithful promises of God (1 Corinthians 55-58).

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Application from the life of Joshua (Joshua 1:5-9)


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GOSPEL SHOES give the soldier of Christ confidence in his position and then courage “*for every good work*” that God calls him to do.

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 Our WARFARE is fought with the INSTRUMENTS of God. Our protection for the spiritual battles of life continues with being RESOLUTE WHERE WE TREAD. We noted the sinner's MOTIVATING CONVICTION because of his penalty for sin; his STABILIZING CONFIDENCE because of his position in Christ; and his ENABLING COURAGE because of God's power within.

**What is my next step?** Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.

## What Is My Next Step?

**Hearing** — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

**Doing** — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Text: \_\_\_\_\_ Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF SIN**)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
  - a. What is He like?
  - b. What does He like?
  - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
  - a. What command to obey?
  - b. What promise to claim?
  - c. What principle to apply (*If I do \_\_\_\_\_, then God will do \_\_\_\_\_*)?
  - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew your mind**)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (**Put ON CHRIST**)
  - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
  - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
  - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



OUR MISSION: Supremely love GOD,  
Sacrificially love others  
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!