Finally….Be Strong!!

Ephesians 6:10

Sermon Outline

A. Live in God’s Strength (vs. 10a):

1. We have four enemies that fight against us continuously:

   a) The world (Ephesians 2:1-3; 1 John 2:15-17) in which we once lived.
   b) The flesh we must get rid of (Ephesians 4:21-24).
   c) The mind that we must renew (Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:17-20).
   d) Satan (Acts 13:10; James 4:4; 1 Peter 5:8).

2. We are commanded to continuously live in the Lord (Ephesians 3:16).

   a) Key verse 2 Corinthians 5:17 – we are spending our lives learning what God transformed us into that is new.
   b) Key verse - Philippians 2:12-13 – we must work our salvation out always remembering that it is He who is working it out of us.
   c) The strength of the Lord is experienced in the following:

      • God shelters us in His presence (Ephesians 1:3, 20; 2:6; 3:10; 6:12). If we live in the pride of life (independent of God), God will fight us (James 4:4; 1 Peter 5:8).
      • We must learn His Word with a commitment to walk in it (Ephesians 1:17-19; 4:1; 3:10; Colossians 1:9-12).
      • His Word is our source of strength (Hebrews 4:12).
      • Don’t allow Satan to pollute the Word (Ephesians 4:14-15; 1 Corinthians 1:17).
      • Christ works on us Himself (Ephesians 2:10).
      • We must use our spiritual gift (Ephesians 4:7).
      • Allow the pastor to equip you (Ephesians 4:12). So long as your pastor is directing you and teaching you, your source of strength will allow him to serve you.
      • Become involved in making our church great (Ephesians 4:13, 16).

      • The church is Christ body (Ephesians 1:22-23), His dwelling place (Ephesians 2:21-22), a place of protection against the Devil (Ephesians 3:10) and it matures us so that we live in the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:13).

      • Be willful about allowing God to complete everything He is doing in and through you (Ephesians 4:23-24).
      • Live a Spirit filled life (Ephesians 5:15-18).
      • We must live out our Biblical responsibilities as husbands and fathers (Ephesians 5:25-6:4).
      • Keep all the above working and it will become armor against the attacks of Satan (Ephesians 6:11-17).
B. In His Strength We Can Withstand the Attacks of the Devil (vs. 10b):

1. The supernatural ability to overcome the attacks of Satan.
2. Satan has many schemes. The armor helps us to learn what they are:
   a) **Belt of truth** – we must not allow it to be polluted (Ephesians 4:14-15; 17-20).
   b) **Breastplate of righteousness** – The putting on of the new self (Ephesians 4:24) which was provided at the point of salvation (Ephesians 1:13-14). It is something we must walk in.
   c) **Shoes of peace** – Trust the gospel message it leads to peace – Ephesians 2:14-18.
   d) **Shield of faith**:
      - It is faith that saved us (Ephesians 2:8).
      - It is in faith we approach God (Ephesians 3:12).
      - Christ influences our hearts through faith (Ephesians 3:17).
      - Faith establishes unity in the church (Ephesians 4:5; 4:13).
   e) **Helmet of salvation**:
      - Satan can keep us in the flesh so that we do not grow to maturity (Luke 8:14).
      - Keep us from church so that we do not grow up into the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:12-13).
   f) **Sword of the Spirit** – Satan will seek to keep us in the flesh so that we do not live a Spirit empowered life:
      - Wisdom (Ephesians 1:17).
      - Can affect an intimate life with God (Ephesians 2:18, 22).
      - The Spirit empowers us (Ephesians 3:16) and leads us to Christ (Ephesians 3:17), and allows us to experience the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:19; 4:13).
      - The Spirit establishes unity in the church (Ephesians 4:3) and in marriage (Ephesians 5:21).
      - The Spirit growing in us leads to a Spirit controlled life (Ephesians 5:15-18).
   g) **Satan other Schemes**:
      - Fear – Fear kills faith and removes the powerful influence of the Spirit (2 Timothy 1:7).
      - He goes to heaven to accuse us day and night (Luke 22:31-32; Revelation 12:10).
3. This is the power that leads to physical strength.
a) His Might provide the believer with the ability to wear the armor.
b) His Might provide the believer with the ability to stand.