

Thursday

The Whole Armor of God

Today's Scripture Ephesians 6:10-20

There is a spiritual war going on in the universe. It is a war between God and Satan, light and darkness, good and evil, and right and wrong. This war is unseen, but real. It is being fought in the spiritual realm (12) and with spiritual weapons (see 2 Corinthians 10: 4). It is the battle for the minds of men (2 Corinthians 10: 5) and every member of the church must be engaged, unless we have already surrendered.

What are the prospects for victory? The people of God are going to win. First, there is the power of God (10). Second, there is the cross and the empty tomb of Christ who has already won the war with evil (Revelation 12: 11). Third, there is the encouragement of the church as each member is fully engaged and doing his part (Ephesians 4:16), and as each member reaches out to other members when we worship as the church (Hebrews 10: 24-25). Fourth, there is the legacy left by other servants of God who have gone on before us (Hebrews 12: 1). Fifth, there is the Christian armor that helps us stand against the devil's plans and tricks (11). There is the belt of truth (God's word manifested in flesh in the person of Christ); there is the breastplate of righteousness (relationship with God); there are the shoes of peace (the gospel of peace); there is shield of faith (which absorbs the evil darts of Satan); there is the helmet of salvation (protecting our minds from onslaughts of error); there is the sword of the Spirit, the word of God (our offensive weapon against every false teaching). Take the armor and win! And don't forget to pray (18).

Today, I will...be aware of the battle for the minds of men and I will seek to think as Christ would think, talk like Christ would talk, and act like Christ would act.