

We Are Glad *You* Are Here

Sunday, November 1, 2026



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 - A. Spiritual warfare is simply a reality every Christian must deal with daily. But the good news is that God equips us with all the weapons we need to face our foe and live victoriously for God's glory (vv. 10-12; cf. 2 Cor. 10:3-5).
 - B. When it comes to spiritual warfare, the real battle is for:
 - 1. Our minds (cf. 2 Cor. 10:3-5; Rom. 12:1-2) – Strongholds are patterns of thinking and false ideas that lead us away from Christ. We battle this with the truth of God's Word.
 - 2. Our hearts (cf. 1 Pet. 3:15; 1:3-7) – Our enemy seeks to turn our affections away from Christ and fill us with a sense of emptiness, fear, and worry. But when Christ is Lord in our hearts, then we are filled with an assurance and purpose that cannot be shaken or stolen from us.
 - C. Another thing that will greatly determine how we fare in the battle is our perspective (cf. 2 Kgs. 6:8-17). When we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, then our hope is not grounded in our circumstances, but in the risen Christ.
- II. Our Real Hope (cf. Col. 2:13-15)
 - A. While it can sometimes feel like we are losing more ground in the battle than we are winning, we can rest assured that, in Christ, we have the victory (cf. Col. 2:13-15)!
 - B. It is important for us to stand firm in:
 - 1. The Word of God (cf. Matt. 4:1-11).
 - 2. Faith – We receive the Word by faith, fully trusting that God will keep His promises.
 - 3. Prayer – Staying in communion with God.
 - 4. Worship – The enemy cannot stand in the face of true praise and worship.
 - C. Let us fix our eyes on the risen Christ, who offers us a true hope and future (cf. 2 Tim. 4:6-8).

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