

## ***Studies in Ephesians Chapter 6***

# ***Spiritual warfare for beginners (Part 2 !)***

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## ***Are you properly dressed?***

⌘ Remember to **put on** :

- ☒ truthfulness, honesty & reality
- ☒ right relationships with God & others
- ☒ peace with God & peace-making with others
- ☒ constant trust in God for yourself & others
- ☒ renewed thinking under God's covering
- ☒ listening attitude, receptive to God's words

⌘ Normal Christian characteristics

⌘ If not, **repent** & change direction ! (*Get dressed*)

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## ***Mistake in the Bible??***

⌘ Is *2 Corinthians chapter 2 verse 11* true for you?

⌘ Two-part exercise :

☒ Imagine you are the devil !!

☒ How would you attack yourself ?

☒ What about the church ?

☒ Now imagine you are yourself again.

☒ How will you defend yourself ?

☒ What can you contribute to corporate defence ?

⌘ Remember, knowledge is power!

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## ***Strategies for self-defence***

⌘ Ephesians 6 : 10-14

☒ "... able to *stand* ... that you may be able to *withstand* ... having done all to *stand*. *Stand* therefore ..."

☒ *histemi* - continue in place, set firm, balanced

☒ *anthistemi* - oppose, resist, implacably against

⌘ Know your position in Jesus, established in God, set in rejection of the enemy.

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## ***Effective attack***

- ⌘ Not in our own “strength” !!
- ⌘ Jesus is our Commander-in-Chief
- ⌘ All attacks must be
  - ☒ under his direct command
  - ☒ performed together

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## ***Alternatives : you choose***

- ⌘ Worriers or warriors?
  - ☒ *John 16:33, Hebrews 2:14-15, Proverbs 18:10*
- ⌘ Victims or victors?
  - ☒ *Romans 8:37, 1 John 4:1-4, 1 John 5:4-5, Matthew 16:18*
- ⌘ Just us or Jesus?
  - ☒ *1 John 3:8, Colossians 2:15 + 2 Corinthians 2:14*
- ⌘ Defenceless or deadly?
  - ☒ *2 Corinthians 10:3-4, James 4:7*

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## ***And finally ...***



- ⌘ Fighting the battle is not an optional extra
    - ☒ You are in the front line - beware
  - ⌘ Jesus has already won the victory
    - ☒ We need to implement it each day
  - ⌘ God has provided for both defence & attack
    - ☒ Allow yourself to be strengthened with God's might
    - ☒ Put on the armour of Christian character
    - ☒ Stand established in God
    - ☒ Withstand the enemy
- ⌘ **Let's do it !!**

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