

## “CHRISTIAN WARFARE” (Eph 6:12) 4/12/20

**Intro:** Last week – God’s call to stand (Eph 6:10-11)

Bible describes a Christian: **Builder** - Luk 14:28-30, **Farmer** - Mt 13:1-23

**Athlete** - 2 Tim 4:7, **Soldier** – Eph 6:13-17.

Ephesians – Ch.1-3 (Doctrine) Ch. 4-6 (Duty of Christian)

To the original readers – Ch. 6 is a jolt - a slap on the face.

The ugly blood and grime of war with the Devil

### 1. PAULS COSMIC PERSPECTIVE: (Vs 12)

- The struggle is Personal “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” (hand to hand), the root idea here is swaying back and forth while locked in mortal battle, sweat against sweat, and breath against breath
- Paul is specific about the nature of our evil opponents. (6:12)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (*enthroned evil powers*). **Note:** Dan (10; 12, 13-20)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Col 1:13)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (*against the worlds rulers of this darkness*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (reign and rule of Christ) (1:3 , 2:6)
- 1 Jhn 5:19, Acts 26:18, 2 Cor 4:4, James 4:7
- He is powerful – So Paul says be prepared to put on the armor.

**EXPLORE:** We can see the effects of the spirit world even in our own life ...

- Do you ever look back a certain time in your life, some decision you made, and you ask, “What could I have been thinking?” “What came over me?”
- For some of you, you’re dealing with it right now. There’s something more to what you’re dealing with than just flesh and blood.
- The timing and the strengths of the temptations is just too good and too strong (you want to shake some destructive habit and you just can’t...)

### 2. GOD’S PERSPECTIVE – GOOD NEWS.

- In view of these Cosmic realities, about Satan’s powers, note Christ’s transcending powers... Col 2:13-15 **(Load of applications here!)**

**APPLICATION:**

- Jesus our warrior King has defeated Satan at the cross and rose from the grave. (Rom 1:4)
- Because He lives we have no fear. Acts 2:32
- One day we will be raised. (1 Cor 15:20f), death is not the end.
- We celebrate and remember Jesus every Lord’s day (1 Cor 15:3-4, Acts 20:7)

**CONCLUSION:**

Do you believe Jesus died on the cross and literally rose from the grave?

**READ** - Rom 10:9, Rom 6:1-4 Have you obeyed the gospel?

