

## Ephesians

### Ephesians 6:18-24

#### In Christ

What does it mean to be in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

**Review the Bridge illustration experiences you had this week:**

In Christ we are saved by God's grace – Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-9

- chosen by God, holy and blameless in His eyes – Ephesians 1:4
- adopted by God, redeemed and forgiven – Ephesians 1:5-7
- filled and sealed by the Holy Spirit – Ephesians 1:13-14
- empowered with resurrection power – Ephesians 1:19-20
- seated with Christ in the heavenly realms – Ephesians 2:6
- part of a new people, God's church – Ephesians 2:14-16
- What is under His feet? Eph 1:22 \_\_\_\_\_

Our response: take off our self-righteousness and put on Christ:

Because of what God's done for us, we live a new and different life of:

- humility, gentleness, patience, and unity – Ephesians 4:2-3
- true righteousness and holiness – Ephesians 4:23
- love and forgiveness – Ephesians 4:32, 5:1-2
- light in darkness – Ephesians 5:8
- Spirit-filled life of wisdom, worship, and submission – Ephesians 5:15-21

#### The battle

We use God's armor in our spiritual battle with Satan: The belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shoes of the gospel of peace, helmet of salvation, shield of faith, and sword of the Spirit. – Ephesians 6:10-17.

Do they fit together in your life? Example \_\_\_\_\_

#### Prayer

Prayer is all-encompassing and always present in spiritual warfare.

- We're commanded to pray in the Spirit.
  - Ephesians 6:18
- The Holy Spirit and Jesus will intercede and pray for us in prayer.
  - Romans 8:26-27 and 34

- We ask for direction and power from the Holy Spirit in prayer.
- We pray on all occasions without ceasing.

Examples \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 Thessalonians 5:17

- We pray all kinds of prayers for all people,
- **How does staying in prayer for something or someone prepare your heart for God's answer?**
- **Prayer helps us remain alert and prepares our hearts to:**
- \_\_\_\_\_ ?
  - Mark 14:38: endure, not be lead into temptation, follow through ie Gethsemane
- Prayer is like spiritual radar.
- Prayer is like the strategy room for spiritual battle.
- God will give us Rhema(fresh baked bread) to pray and to use in battle.
- **List yours:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Ephesians 6:17
  - Isaiah 54:17 no weapon formed against you will \_\_\_\_\_..
  - Isaiah 59:21
- Prayer is like the recovery room in spiritual battle.
- Prayer will give you strength to stand in the battle.
- Paul asked for prayer for courage and clarity.
  - Ephesians 6:19-20
- Prayer is a supernatural connection to God with supernatural benefits.
- God will give us the words we need to share the gospel with parrhesia= boldness to speak the gospel clearly
  - Matthew 28:19-20
  - Luke 12:12
  - Mark 13:11

#### Faithful servant

Tychicus was a faithful servant in the Lord and an encourager.

- Ephesians 6:21-22 - Tychicus
- How will you be remembered?

#### Blessings

Five things we should pray for ourselves and each other: peace, love, faith, grace, and an undying love for Jesus.

- Ephesians 6:23-24

### Action Steps

- How are you making prayer a priority for you and your household? \_\_\_\_\_
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- Ask God for “rhema” to pray and to use in spiritual battle.
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- EMail your new favorite lesson in Eph. after this study: \_\_\_\_\_

**Eph.6:18** Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose *and* perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God’s consecrated people).

- <sup>19</sup> And [pray] also for me, that [freedom of] utterance may be given me, that I may open my mouth to proclaim boldly the mystery of the good news (the Gospel),
- <sup>20</sup> For which I am an ambassador in a coupling chain [in prison. Pray] that I may declare it boldly *and* courageously, as I ought to do.
- <sup>21</sup> Now that you may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord [and His service], will tell you everything.
- <sup>22</sup> I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may <sup>□</sup>console *and* cheer *and* encourage *and* strengthen your hearts.

- <sup>23</sup> Peace be to the brethren, and love joined with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
- <sup>24</sup> Grace (God’s undeserved favor) be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with undying *and* incorruptible [love]. *Amen (so let it be).*

Isa.59 <sup>21</sup> As for Me, this is My covenant *or* league with them, says the Lord: My Spirit, Who is upon you [and Who writes the law of God inwardly on the heart], and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouths of your [true, spiritual] children, or out of the mouths of your children’s children, says the Lord, from henceforth and forever.

Isa. 54:17 AMPC

<sup>17</sup> But no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment you shall show to be in the wrong. This [peace, righteousness, security, triumph over opposition] is the heritage of the servants of the Lord [those in whom the ideal Servant of the Lord is reproduced]; this is the righteousness *or* the vindication which they obtain from Me [this is that which I impart to them as their justification], says the Lord.