

**Ephesians 6:10-24 – Good works god prepared - How to beat the devil****Readings**

- Acts 19:1-22 (page 1099)
- Ephesians 6:10-24 (page 1160)

**5 ways to walk**

Eph 4:1 ... walk or live life worthy of the calling we have received

Eph 4:17 ... not to walk in the ways of non Christians

Eph 5:2 ... walk in the way of love following Christ's example

Eph 5:8 ... walk as children of the Light and finally ...

Eph 5:15 ... walk carefully

Why is following Jesus as a Christian not a whole lot easier?

... a war going on and we are in it.

**2 Extremes**

- a) 'no such thing as spiritual forces'
- b) All of Christian living in terms of 'doing battle the devil and his followers'

**1) Be strong in the Lord v 10**

Ephesians 1:19 ... Christ's power is unrivalled

... identifying with Christ and his purposes and finding refuge in Christ in the face of the spiritual battle we are in.

Who the enemy is... v 12

Satan is committed to hindering the progress of the gospel and undermining our obedience to the gospel both as individuals and as a church.

**2) Stand firm v 14**

Ephesians 1:3... God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Ephesian 2:6 ... God has raised us with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms, in order that he might show us the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed to us in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

- a) ... the belt of truth.

Eph 1:13 - the gospel

Eph 4:21 - truth is all about Jesus

Eph 5:9 - when we live as children of the light.

- b) ... the breast plate of righteousness.

Ephesians 4:24 ... put on our new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

c) ... a readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

... peace between us and God

...peace the gospel brings between God's people

d) ... the shield of faith.

... Ensure your faith is in God and his steadfast promises.

e) ... the helmet of salvation.

... Ephesians 1:13, "included in Christ when we heard the message of truth the gospel of your salvation."

... Ephesians 2:5-6, "he has made us alive and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly realms."

f) ... the sword of the spirit which is the word of God.

3) Pray in the Spirit – v 18

... not a more spiritual form of prayer that people need to adopt for spiritual warfare.

= prayer consistent with the word of God.

We must be people who pray.

Qu: Are you standing in God's strength and God's mighty power, are you standing firm against the opposition Satan will throw against you and are you prayerful?