

—2Cor 10.3-5; Eph 6.10-13 —
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The War We Are In (Part 2)

2 Cor 10.3-5 ³For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ

Eph 6.10-13 ¹⁰Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

* **What is** our main point and Paul's main point?

Col 1 ¹²[T]he Father ... ¹³ ... has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

* **How does** our text in Eph 6 relate to the rest of the letter?

* **What do** we have to understand to stand firm and fight?

* **Who is** our enemy?

* **What is** our weaponry?

Eph 3 ¹⁰... that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, ¹¹ according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

Heb 4 ¹⁶Let us ... come boldly to the throne of grace

Eph 2 ¹⁸"thru Him we ... have access by one Spirit to the Father"

Eph 6 ¹⁷And take ... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God

* **Worship is** a weapon.

Deut 7 ¹"When the LORD your God brings you into the land ... and has cast out ... seven nations greater and mightier than you"

Heb 11 ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.

Joshua 5 ¹³ And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?" ¹⁴ So He said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?" ¹⁵ Then the Commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.

^{6.1} Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. ² And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor ...

⁶ Then Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD." ⁷ And he said to the people, "Proceed, and march around the city, and let him who is armed advance before the ark of the LORD." ⁸ So it was, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD advanced and blew the trumpets, and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them. ⁹ The armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard came after the ark, while the priests continued blowing the trumpets. ¹⁰ Now Joshua had commanded the people, saying, "You shall not shout or make any noise with your voice, nor shall a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I say to you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout." ¹¹ So he had the ark of the LORD circle the city, going around it once. Then they came into the camp and lodged in the camp ... ¹⁴ And the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. So they did six days.

¹⁵ But it came to pass on the seventh day that they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and marched around the city seven times in the same manner ... ¹⁶ And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people: "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city! ... ²⁰ So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And ... the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

*** The life of the church is a weapon.**

2Cor 10 ¹⁰ "His letters are weighty and powerful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible"

Eph 4 ¹ [W]alk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace ... ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. ³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. ^{5.1} Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma ... ⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ... ¹⁸ ... be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another in the fear of God. ²² Wives ... ²⁵ Husbands ... ^{6.1} Children ... ⁴ Fathers ... ¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord ...

*** The word of God is a weapon.**

Eph 6 ¹⁷ And take ... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God

*** Final words.**