

The Spiritual battles that we face are fought on two fronts.

1. Personal battles in which Satan is attacking us individually.

We continually face his attacks because of the two natures that indwell us.

- a. The sinful nature that we are born with.
- b. The Spiritual nature we received when we received Jesus as our Lord and Master.

Romans 7:18-23

2. Battles that occur in the Heavens.

The Principalities of Satan and The Angel Armies dwell in this realm and do battle.

- a. Satan's ultimate goal is the destruction of God and His Kingdom.
- b. He will stop at nothing to accomplish his goal.

The fact that we are in a Spiritual war should not be a surprise to us.

1. We were born into slavery to sin and are followers of Satan due to our sinful nature.

This sinful nature was passed on to us as a result of the fall.

Romans 5:12

2. The only way that sinful nature can be transformed is by Receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Master.

Isaiah 53:6; 2 Corinthians 5:17

3. When we received Christ, we were placed on the Front Line!

I. OUR SALVATION IS PART OF GOD'S PLAN.

1. It was decreed before the earth was created.

God loves us so much, He set a plan for our salvation in motion before creation occurred.

2. His ultimate purpose is to sum up all things in Christ.

We are privileged to have a part in bringing Glory to God.

3. Ephesians introduces us to the Great Power of Christ.

Power that enables us to stand against the attacks of Satan.

Ephesians 1:18-23

This power is available when we put on the Whole Armor of God.

II. WE ARE TO LIVE OUR LIFE ACCORDINGLY

Ephesians 4:1

The true Christian Lifestyle is evidenced by;

- a. Submission to the Lordship of Christ.
- b. The leadership of the Holy Spirit.

III. REMEMBER THE STRENGTH THAT WE HAVE AT OUR DISPOSAL.

1 John 4:4

James 4:7

1. Receiving Jesus Christ is to be understood as entering into Every Spiritual Blessing.

Ephesians 1:3

2. It is also the commencement of a great struggle with Satan and his forces.

Romans 7:24, 25

- a. It good to dwell on the blessings of faith in Christ.

- b. But we must also consider the War that we have entered into.

A War in which each battle must be waged in His strength, and His strength alone!

3. ARMOR IS MADE FOR DEFENSE, NOT OFFENSE.

With The Armor of The Lord protecting us,

we can be VICTORIOUS over Satan and his schemes.