

Sermon Notes -- Themes from Ephesians

“Contending with the Powers of Darkness”

Part IV – Ephesians 6:10-20

I. Review

A. Restating the four R’s.

1. _____ our level of awareness.
2. _____ a check list in order to insure protection.
3. _____ us of our only weapon.
4. _____ the culture with the gospel.

B. Text – Ephesians 6:10-20

1. Today – verse 17b

C. The battle between good and evil has always been over the Word of God.

1. Genesis 3:1-4; Matthew 4:1-10

D. Recent survey findings on religion in America.

1. If the Bible is the Word of God, why aren’t Christians immersing themselves in it?
2. Examples of Christians developing their theology from sources other than the Bible.
3. Unknown biblical and theological terms.
4. Do not frame your beliefs about Christianity from testimonials and religious experience. Frame your beliefs from the Word of God.

II. Exposition

A. Verse 6:17b

1. It is the only part of the armament that Paul specifically identifies.
 - a. Highlight significance.
2. Type of sword referred to was common to any Roman soldier.
3. The Word is God’s word about God.
 - a. R.C. Sproul on Scripture.
 - b. The Scripture finely hones our conscience while building up our faith to do what is right.

B. Viewing the sword from another angle.

1. The importance of language
2. Key texts
 - a. Hebrews 1:1
 - b. John 1:1-2
 - c. Psalm 1

III. Points for Reflection

- A. The Word of God is your only weapon against flaming missiles of temptation.
- B. Memorize the Word of God.
- C. It is the only way to prosper.