

STANDING FIRM IN THE BATTLE

Ephesians 6:10-24

Study Questions Week 1

For context on what we will be studying, read the entire book of Ephesians in one sitting. This should take about 15 mins to do. The church in Ephesus would have listened to the entire letter, so read it with this in mind.

What is the overall purpose Paul is trying to teach or remind the people in the Ephesian church. Write the purpose in one to two sentences. (repeated or words will help you focus in on the purpose or theme.)

This book is written to believers. What does Paul tell them about what they have received because they are now in Christ? Be specific and write out each spiritual blessing. Choose at least one and find other passages in Scripture that address the same topic (example: adoption Romans 8:15, 8:23). How does this expand your knowledge of what He has done for you?

What is Paul's prayer for these believers in verses 16-20? How might we apply this prayer in our lives for ourselves and others we know? Is this a different perspective on how we should be praying compared to only asking God for physical needs and deliverance from difficult circumstances? Is this prayer for believers only or for unbelievers too? If so, in what way?

In response to these truths in Chapter 1 that outline what we have gained in salvation through Christ and what we should be praying for, how do these truths relate to the spiritual battle we are in that Paul addresses in Chapter 6?

As we prepare for Chapter 6 on the spiritual battle, do we need to have an understanding of the Enemy? If so, to what extent do we need to know about him and the way he works. Please list what you know to be true about the Enemy and list scripture verses to go with each fact.

Have you been mindful of the spiritual battle that we are in or have you been unaware that everything in life is a spiritual matter? How can you begin to change your thinking about this based on God's word? Begin to pray and ask God to make you aware of His truth in this area.

Biblical truth and Spirit-led prayer are key in understanding the real spiritual battle at hand and engaging in the battle for holiness. Begin to memorize Scripture intentionally so that you will be able combat the lies of the Enemy and arm yourself with the truth of the gospel.

I am praying for you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments as you go through this study. You can contact me at (707)761-3820 or tiffany.kile@yahoo.com.