

# Uniting

ALL THINGS  
IN CHRIST

*an Ephesians study*

HUB GROUP NOTES | NOVEMBER 14, 2021  
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**Read Ephesians 6:10-20: We Do Not Wrestle Against Flesh and Blood**

1) What's the problem that Paul raises in vs. 10-12?

Especially in western culture, we think our battles are physical battles, Paul assures us they are not. There are real, powerful, invisible, supernatural beings that attack and strategize against God's children with the intent of not just distracting them, but destroying them. They want to cause them to return to the sinful rutted paths of their life before Jesus and to make them ineffectual for God.

2) What are the schemes/strategies of Satan?

How does temptation work?

Satan aggravates what is already in you. He takes what is already in you and exploits it. How? Temptation is when we view ourselves too highly and then we do something stupid. Satan shows you the bait and hides the hook. Satan's greatest work is presenting sin as satisfying, profitable, and pleasurable, while masterfully concealing the misery and pain to come.

How do Satan's accusations work?

Satan aggravates what is already in you. He takes what is already in you and exploits it. How? Satan's number 1 accusation is convincing us that we are worthless, pathetic sinners. He wants us focused just on our sin and not the Savior. Looking at our sin, should immediately take us to the cross. Looking at sin without Jesus is disastrous. He also wants us to obsess over past sins that have done damage that can't be undone. Another accusation is that troubles are God's punishment on you or "real" Christians wouldn't struggle like you do.

3) What grabs your attention when Paul describes the armor of God in vs. 13-18?

4) How would you summarize God's solution (vs. 13-18) to this problem?

God's arsenal is TRUTH believed and acted upon by the power of the Holy Spirit, in endless prayer.

5) In order to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, you need to engage in spiritual battle.

Are you in the fight or not?

If you are not in the battle and you feel sidelined, how can we help you get back into the battle?

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2021 BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER REQUESTS:

Father, pour out your Spirit on us and move us forward together.

Father, please retire the Worship Center mortgage by 2025.

Father, please use us to build a reproducing church among an unreached people - the Nyamwezi - by 2030.