

# Ephesians: Unsearchable riches of Christ

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## Study 32: We are at war: Be aware

**READ** Eph 6:10-13 and **LISTEN** to Pastor Craig Baxter's [sermon](#).

The Christian life is not a playground. Rather, it is a battlefield of spiritual warfare. Every Christian must be aware of the Holy War they have been conscripted into when they came to Christ. It is a warfare that commenced in the Garden of Eden and will continue until Christ finally destroys Satan and his demons at the end of time. Until then the Christian is called to be strong in the Lord, put on God's armour and stand firm against supernatural beings that strategise and attack.

**Main lesson:** Since we have been conscripted into a Holy War against Satan we must stand strong in the Lord and His armour

### Questions:

1. How would you summarise the teaching from vv. 10-13 in one clear sentence? Write this out and share it with your group.
2. A. What does Gen 3:15 mean regarding the battle between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman? Where is this reflected in Scripture?  
  
B. How did this battle reveal itself in Christ's work on earth (see Matt 12:22-29) and culminate in His work on the cross? See Col 2:15.
3. What does it mean to "be strong in the Lord and the strength of his might" (v. 10a)? What might we need to realise about ourselves and about God in order to do this? See John 15:5b; 2 Cor 12:10b; 1 Sam 17:47.

4. A. In 1 Sam 30:6 it states that "David strengthened himself in the Lord." What did this mean in the context and what difference did it make?  
  
B. How can you find strength in the Lord in the difficulties of life? See Phil 4:13.
5. What does it mean to "put on the whole armour of God" (see Rom 13:14) and why is this necessary (v. 11, 13)?
6. Paul states that our struggle is not "against flesh and blood". What is your struggle against and what is Satan's ultimate aim in attacking your life?
7. What kind of "schemes" do the devil and evil spiritual forces employ? Try to write as many as you can from Scripture. Mark 4:15; 2 Cor 4:4; 11:3, 14-15; Eph 4:27; 1 Tim 4:1.
8. The word "wrestle" means hand-to-hand combat. How might we wrestle against evil forces? Consider Peter's struggle. See Luke 22:31, 54-62. See also James 4:7.
9. In light of this study how should you consider spiritual forces as you live for Christ? See 1 Pet 5:8; 1 John 4:4.

### STOP AND PRAY:

**Adore:** Christ who disarmed and triumphed over all evil rulers and authorities

**Thank:** the Lord for binding Satan to rescue you from his power and influence

**Pray:** that God might give you the strength to be a holy witness in a dark world