



October 24 2021

The Encourager

Welcome Guest

We are so glad you've come for worship today! Our prayer is you will be blessed by your time with us. Please feel free to ask us any questions you may have concerning our worship.

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Bible Study 10:00 am

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How Well Do You Know the Real Enemy

PUT ON YOUR BATTLE GEAR!!

Paul warns Christians in *Ephesians 6* about what the Enemy's battle is to destroy Christians from following God, and by being follower's of His Son, Jesus Christ, read (v.13)

Let's look at the following verses, in chapter 6 of Ephesians and bring these verses to an understanding we can use for our defense and offense. **First, the uniform**, girding our waist with truth, the *breastplate* of righteousness, the same triad Jesus' life characterized, truth, righteousness, and gospel peace. These words have a purpose, and that purpose, is to do what Jesus did and proclaim the gospel.

The battle ground and war is not neutral, nor undisputed, every time you get out of the will of God you are doing Satan's bidding. Challenges will come every day, be ready by knowing and living God's Word to the fullest. Every time Satan tempts you to retaliate, put on your battle fatigues, the uniform of truth and righteousness. **Two other pieces of battle gear** each soldier **must have for protection**: the *shield of faith*, and *helmet of salvation*. Christ death on the cross not only provided salvation, but has armed you against the Enemy's onslaught. We have defensive weapons of a shield and a helmet—the blood of Jesus.

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Last week for coats for Vet's is today Oct 24th

Red Cross Blood Drive

Nov. 22nd

Time: 2-7 pm.

See Tabitha to make your appointment.

Sunday 10:00 am.

Class studying #316 The Transfiguration; Healing An Epileptic Boy

Matthew 17

Wednesday 7:00 pm. Resisting Satan

Next month time change.

HIGHLIGHTS

PROMPTS



MON

LUKE 17:11-37;
LUKE 18:1-14

- Healing the 10 Lepers
- End Times Prophecies
- The Persistent Widow
- Pharisee & the Publican

Which of the End Times prophecies is most memorable to you & why?



TUE

MATTHEW 19;
MARK 10

- Divorce/Remarriage
- Jesus Blesses the Children
- Can the Rich Get Into Heaven?
- The First will be Last
- Marriage & Divorce

Read again Matthew 19:16-27.

Will it be harder for Rich Christians to get into heaven, compared to poverty-stricken ones?



WED

MATTHEW 20-21

- Whoever Is First will be a Slave
- Healing Two Blind Men
- Triumphal Entry
- Jesus Cleanses the Temple
- Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

Why was the buying & selling in the temple so appalling to Jesus?



THU

LUKE 18:15-43;
LUKE 19:1-48

- The Rich Young Ruler
- Zacchaeus in the Tree
- Triumphal Entry
- Jesus Clears the Temple

How is Luke 18:29-30 heartening to you?

What have you sacrificed for belief in Jesus?



FRI

MARK 11; JOHN 12

- Triumphal Entry
- Jesus Curses a Fig Tree
- Jesus Cleanses the Temple
- Mary Anoints Jesus
- Gentiles Want to See Jesus

Per John 12:35-36, we don't always FEEL like we have light.

How can we cope with this feeling?



SAT

MATTHEW 22;
MARK 12

- The Marriage Feast
- The Vine-Growers
- Responses to Religious Leaders
- The Poor Widow Gives Big

Per the widow's offering, how can we increase our giving to those who are less fortunate?



SUN

MATTHEW 23;
LUKE 20-21

- Crimes of Scribes & Pharisees
- Jesus Laments Over Jerusalem
- The Messengers & the Heir

Jesus' attitude toward Rome was always a shrug.

How involved should we be in politics?

365 DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN



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"Mrs. Clarke told our class, 'A rolling stone gathers no moths.'"



The Cracked Acorn

Carson van arsdall



Unbelief

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Bob Baleskie, Virginia Wright, Linda Adam, David Born, Brenda Born, Sharon Derflinger, Danny Derflinger, **Juanita Tewalt , Eugene Tewalt**, Freddie Funk, Philip Funk, Bobby Jo Henderson, Kenny Henderson Jr, Rita Mullins, Ruth Martin, Pat Derflinger, Mary Steele, Gloria Kinney, Buddy Adams, Charlie Alder, Stephanie Steed, Jason Bean recovering from Covid

Debbie Martin's relatives recovering from Covid:

Granddaughter Kaylee Michelucci, Cheryl Duffer Kaylee's mom, great granddaughter Jacelyn Turner, Uncle Ken Martin, Aunt Ruth Martin. Shelly Long, Debra Lawson Valerie Cash, C.R. Newlin, Jeff Pingley, Wendy Willoughby Robert Jenkins, Shirley Williams Pipens. On the lost of their daughter, Arabella.

John 14:1-31 - Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

My mother amazed me she could cook up three farm meals a day; she was adept with the kitchen utensils. The old stand-by was the sieve to quickly drain off water from hot spaghetti or boiled vegetables. I was amazed at what the tiny holes could accomplish. I have often used the "sieve" to clear the air on some of today's highly touted media topics.

"Millions of years ago ape-like animals lived their entire lives in trees, eating the abundant fruits and nuts. The climate began to change; droughts began to turn the environment from trees into vast plains of tall grass. In order for the ape-likes to survive, they began to spend more time on the ground. They had to see above the grass so they began to adapt by walking on two legs instead of four. Since they did not have keen eye sight, they began to develop a brain that could reason and outwit the larger animals. Soon this ape became ape man and after many more thousands of years became the man of today." This falls through the sieve, leaving "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. -GENESIS:2:7

This in a few words is what our leading minds of today call evolution. There are many missing links in this chain of events that are waiting to be found. In the 1950s and 1960s, in some of the mental institutions, surgeries were performed on patients to

relieve seizures and spells of depressions. These were called lobotomies. A large percentage were not successful but led to extensive search in the brain for memory. Recent research has found much more about our wonderful organ. If we have a mind that can give us a rich life, where then is our soul found in our brains? The sieve finds that the soul is God given and "Oh, bless our God, you peoples! Who keeps our soul among the living,"-PSALM 66:8,9.

One of the many surveys shows that there may be more than 30 million Americans that are on the fence about the existence of God. There are 6 million that declare that they are atheists and have an agenda to help people over their ideas that God is a part of our modern society. The New Age Atheists are doing well at the newsstands with "Letter to a Christian Nation" and "The God Delusion." They are preaching the religion of reason not mentioning that the French Renaissance was based wrongly on reason. "Come let us reason together," includes the Lord our God and if we are made "white as snow" and "willing and obedient, we will eat the good of the land."-ISAIAH 1:18-21.

"A 2014 survey, self-identified "atheists" make up 3.1% of the US population, even though 9% of Americans agreed with the statement "Do not believe in God" while 2% agreed with the statement "Do not know if they believe in God". (What would a 2021 survey show?)



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"The Pink Panther is a girl. If he was a boy he'd be the Blue Panther."

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Savannah Mayberry

10/3 Susan Clark

10/6 Brooke

Callaway 10/19, Tenia Smith

10/23, Marian Lozier 10/31



The Pepin's

10/14

Danny & Sharon

Derflinger 10/27

Dealing With Envy



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JEALOUSY & ENVY

Genesis 26:13-14

Deuteronomy 32:21

Mark 7:21-22

Matthew 27:18

Proverbs 14:30

Job 5:2

Offensive Weapons: Ephesians 6:17 *And take . . .the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.* Remember our Savior used the sword of the Spirit against the Enemy in the wilderness. We also, can pull out the big guns read **1 John 5:11-12** when the Enemy uses his demons or whispers sayings like, "Are you really a Christian" "Are you really going to Heaven?" "Or your sins are too big for God to forgive." Pull out the your sword and quote, **1 John 1:9.** *How about prayer? The Enemy says, "God doesn't answer prayer these days." "Look how long you have waiting!" Remember John 16:24 say it back to Satan.*

Whether sufferings be physical, financial, and trying circumstances try throwing **2 Corinthians 12:9** at him! Remember victory is ours through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Praise and glorify God for all He has done and the Devil will flee you. **Beware and know your enemy.**

WE SHOULD NOT ENVY

Proverbs 23:17-18

Proverbs 24:19-20

Psalms 37:1-2

Psalms 73:1-19

Genesis 37:11

1 Corinthians 13:4

Romans 12:15



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"I was very, very happy when we got PJ 'cause I wasn't the littlest anymore."