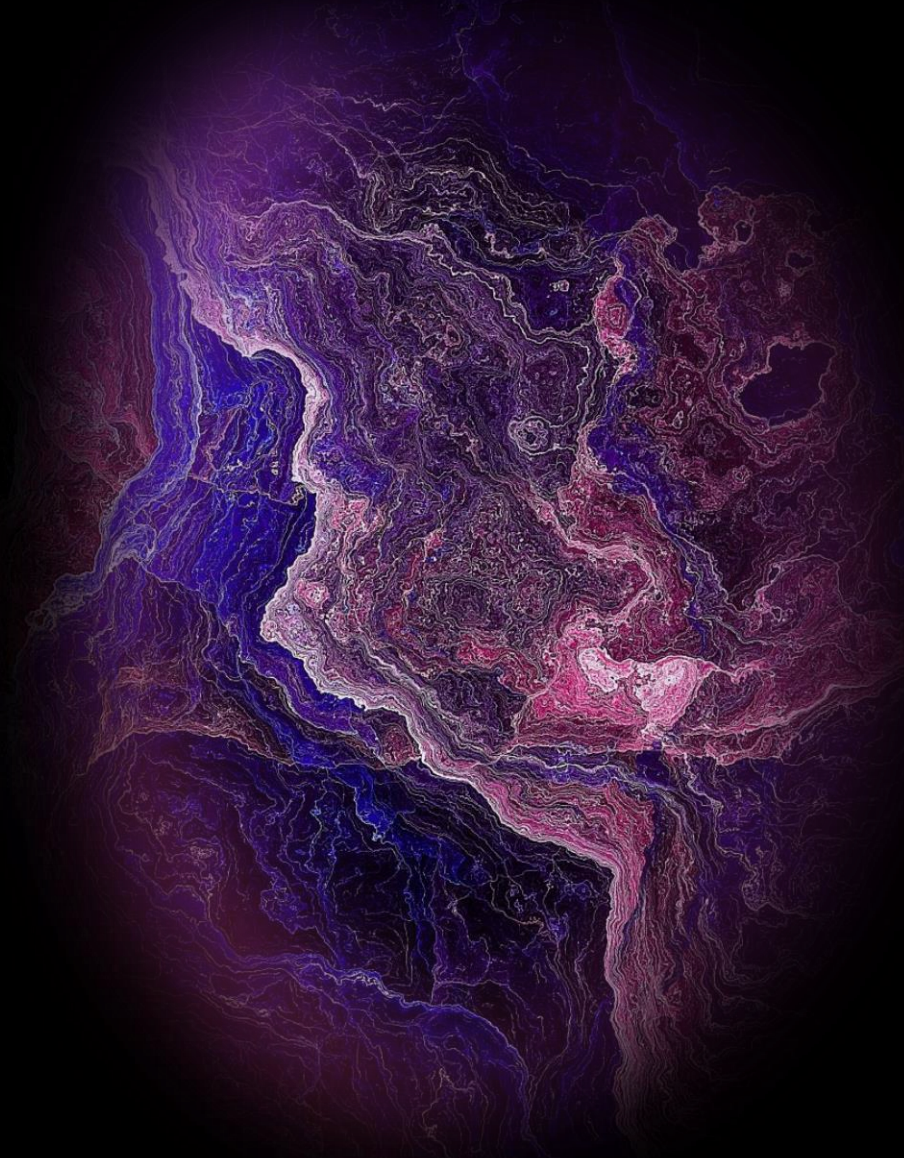


We Are In A Spiritual War

EPHESIANS 6:10-18



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- There are two sides in this war
 - Matthew 12:30 – Jesus makes it clear there are two sides
- This war is over the souls of man
 - 1 Peter 2:11 – Peter urges us to abstain from that which wars against the soul

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- This war has been raging since the beginning
 - Genesis 3 – Satan tempting Eve
 - Job 1-2 – Satan trying to get Job (and the whole world) to fall
 - Matthew 4 – Satan tempting Jesus

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- The enemy does not quit
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- The enemy uses whatever means possible
 - Relationships
 - Matthew 10:34-37 – Satan uses the relationships on this earth to keep us from doing what God tells us to

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- The enemy uses whatever means possible
 - Doctrinal Error
 - 2 Peter 2:17-19 – Satan uses error that seems to offer hope, but error offers no hope
 - 2 John 9-10 – The only hope one has is abiding in the doctrine of Christ

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- The enemy uses whatever means possible
 - That which is not inherently sinful
 - Hebrews 12:1-3 – We are to lay aside every weight
 - Hobbies/Activities, Work, Material Items

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- The victorious side has already been determined
 - Revelation 19-21 – There is ultimate victory in Jesus
 - 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 – Because we are assured of victory in Jesus, we need stand and be immovable

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- We need to put our armor on and fight
 - We must grow our faith in study
 - Romans 10:17 – Faith comes by hearing the word of God
 - 1 Peter 2:1-3 – We are to grow by the word of God

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- We need to put our armor on and fight
 - We must be watchful
 - 1 Peter 5:8 – We must be watchful
 - 1 Corinthians 16:13 – We need to watch and stand fast in the faith

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- We need to put our armor on and fight
 - We must fight
 - 2 Timothy 4:6-8 – When we fight there is hope in the end

We are in a spiritual war

- There is a spiritual war raging
- There are two sides in this war
- The enemy is always attacking or looking for a way to attack
- The enemy will use any means possible
- The victorious side has already been declared
- We need to put our armor on and fight

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- Individuals need to take heed to themselves lest they fall (1 Corinthians 10:12)
- Parents need to train their children in the Lord (Proverbs 22:6)
- Elders need to shepherd the flock (1 Peter 5:2)

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- Evangelists will preach the word (2 Timothy 4:2)
- Christians need to look out for one another (Galatians 6:1-2)
- Christians need to teach the gospel to the world (Romans 1:16)

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