

How Do We Defend Ourselves?

- Ephesians 6:11-18

Belt of truth

- Ephesians 6:14
- John 8:32

Breastplate of righteousness

- Ephesians 6:14
- Philippians 3:9,

Boots of the gospel of peace

- Ephesians 6:16
- Isaiah 52:7-10

Shield of faith

- Ephesians 6:16

Helmet of salvation

- Ephesians 6:17

Sword of the Spirit

- Ephesians 6:17

Conclusion

We are called to prayer

We are called to action

Discussion Questions

- 1 Why do “many Westerners find belief in the devil more difficult than belief in God?”
- 2 What dangers are there in “an excessive and unhealthy interest” in devils?
- 3 What tactics does the devil use in your life?
- 4 What is the difference between temptation to sin and sin itself? Why is this distinction so important?
- 5 How does our relationship to the devil change when we become Christians? What are the practical consequences of this?
- 6 In Ephesians 6 Paul mentions six pieces of Christian “armor.” What do you think each of these means in practice?
- 7 In what ways are we called upon to be involved in the spiritual warfare between good and evil?



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Reality of spiritual warfare

- Isaiah 14:12-23
- Job 1
- I Chronicles 21:1
- Ephesians 6:11-12

Realistic understanding of the devil

- Cunning
- Powerful
- Evil

Why Should I Believe in the Devil?

The Devil is Biblical

- Matthew 4:1-11
- I Peter 5:8-11
- Ephesians 6:11-12

Christians down through the ages

- Church Fathers
- Reformers
- Ordinary Christians

Common Sense

Mistaken views

Unhealthy interest

- Deuteronomy 18:10
- Leviticus 19:26b
- Galatians 5:19-20
- Revelation 21:8
- Revelation 22:15

Disbelief

What are the devil's tactics?

Aims to destroy

- John 10:10

Blinds eyes

- 2 Corinthians 4:4

Sows doubt

- Genesis 3
- Matthew 4:3-6

Sends temptation

- Genesis 3:1-6

Ignores permission

- Genesis 2; 16-17
- I Timothy 6:17

Focuses on prohibition

- Genesis 3:1

Denies penalty

- Genesis 3:4-13

Deceives

- Revelation 12:10

What Is Our Position as Christians?

Christians are transferred from darkness to light

- Colossians 1:13

Dominion of Darkness	Kingdom of Light
Satan	Jesus
Sin	Forgiveness
Slavery to sin	Freedom in Christ
Death	Life
Destruction	Salvation

Satan was defeated on the Cross

- Colossians 2:15

Jesus gave His disciples authority over demons

- Luke 10:17-20