

## SERMON NOTES

**Title: The Invisible War: Fighting to Win**

**Text: Ephesians 6:10-17**

**Topic: Spiritual Warfare 301**

**Teacher: Pastor Barry**

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**File Under: Doctrinal**



Review: Belt of Truth; being honest with God, ourselves, and others. Breastplate of Righteousness; responding to the truth that God shows by righteous living.

Spiritual Warfare 301; going on the offensive.

Review: In Spiritual Warfare 101 we revealed there is an invisible war. Then in 201 we've been learning that God has provided **protection and resources**.

But what do you do when there's an all-out frontal attack? What do you do when "*all hell has broken loose*"?

When you come face to face with demonic activity how do you do battle with the enemy and win.

**Fact No. 1:** God has objectively **defeated** Satan in his agenda. However, in the interim, we're involved in guerrilla warfare.

**Fact No. 2:** As believers, we have been **transferred** from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light with all the rights, privileges and position that being a child of God entails.

**Fact No. 3:** The spiritual battle we fight requires that we **"put on"** the spiritual protection that God has provided for us.

**Fact No. 4:** The armor protects us from Satan's ongoing attempts to break our **fellowship** with Jesus. There are times when we must move beyond standing firm to engage the enemy in actual combat.

### WHEN TO EXPECT AN ASSAULT BY THE ENEMY.

- When you are taking **significant** steps of faith and experiencing deep spiritual growth.
- When you are **invading** enemy territory - Witnessing, Ministering.
- When you are **exposing** Satan and his M O.
- When you repent and seek to make a **clean break** with the world or a long-held pattern of sin.
- When God is **preparing** us for a great work or blessing for His glory.

**Further Reflection on the Breastplate of Righteousness** by Tom Harrison. Pursuing Righteousness, Truth, and Peace are lifelong endeavors. The greater questions are: 1. Do we have faith that God can give these to us? and 2. Do we know (and want to pay) the price to receive them? Many Christians have no idea how they must "work out their salvation" in these areas of their lives. The Belt of Truth, and the Breastplate of Righteousness are NOT the broad and general "road" of truth or righteousness, but the precise and specific Truth and Righteousness (narrow way) detailed in God's Word ~ we will ONLY be in this Truth and Righteousness to the extent we know God's Word.