

Sermon Notes
“Combat Prayer”
Ephesians 6:10-20
October 4, 2020

Is spiritual warfare real?

- Our “worldview”
- Rwanda
- Personal experience
- Jesus in the Gospels

Ephesians 6 - background

- The most detailed text in the Bible on spiritual warfare
- The city of Ephesus was the centre of occult activity
 - The Temple of Artemis
 - Concentration of superstitious items

The Devil’s two main strategies

- Division
- Destruction

Ephesians 6 – armour

- Probably not a Roman soldier’s armour
- The armour of God
 - Isaiah 59:17
 - Isaiah 11:4b-5
- Only effective weapons to combat the devil are the very weapons of God
 - Belt, breastplate, shoes, shield, helmet, sword
 - All these are God’s grace, power, and presence with us
- Prayer
 - Prayer is how we stand with / how we wear this armour
 - Pray: in the Spirit, on all occasions, all kinds of prayers, for fellow believers, for the Gospel to spread

Our strength

- We know upon whom we stand: Christ
- We remember who we are in Christ
- We pray with authority

“The God of peace will soon crush Satan under our feet.” Romans 16:20