

» PRAYER & PRAISE

This coming Prayer & Praise, we will keep watch over the migrant workers, domestic helpers, and international students and professionals. Dr Goh Wei-Leong, the chairman of HealthServe and founder and director of Linking Hands will share his heart for the migrant workers and how God is at work among the internationals in Singapore. **Date:** 18 Nov (this Fri) **Time:** 8pm **Venue:** WDL Centre

» NURTURER REFRESHER TRAINING

For those who signed up during Step Up Sunday to be a Nurturer and those who want a refresher on nurturing new believers to prepare for this coming Christmas and 2017 harvest, come join us! **Date:** 21 Nov (Mon) **Time:** 7pm–10pm **Venue:** ACKCentre

» CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

Executive (Finance)
This role is required to perform financial accounting responsibilities such as weekly cash receipt recording for Sunday tithing and other income types, monthly bank reconciliation and monitoring cashflow balance. He/She will also coordinate the cash collection process during events. Prior relevant experience is preferred. Applicants should either be a church or CG member, with a heart to answer God's call in their lives in furthering Covenant EFC's mission. For more information, please visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment> Email your resumes to hr@cefc.org.sg by 20 Nov.

» TNG CROSSING

We will celebrate the spiritual milestones of our next generation at TNG Crossing, a combined graduation ceremony, as they progress to the next level of their discipleship journey. If your child is one of the following:

- Six years old and moving from K2 to Primary 1 in Sunbeam
- Primary 4 and moving to WEB
- 14 years old and moving to Momentum
- 18 years old and moving to adulthood

Register at tiny.cc/Momentum-2017 and join us on this special occasion!
Date: 19 Nov (this Sat) **Venue:** WDL Centre
There will be NO Sunbeam classes at BPJ and WDL Centres next Sun, 20 Nov.

» NEW LIFE DAY ON 20 NOV

Celebrate New Life Day with us next Sun, 20 Nov at all the services at BPJ, WDL and East Centres. Hear stories of how we have touched lives and mentored the next generation as Covenant EFC's face and hands to the community. You can be part of this too! **Find out more at our workshop on 29 Nov, 7.30pm–9.00pm at BPJ Chapel.** For more information, write to email@newlife.org.sg or call 6892 7191.

» BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Baptism Class on Sun, 11 Dec, 1.00pm–3.30pm at WDL Centre.
Membership Class this Sat, 19 Nov, 9am–4pm at ACKCentre.
Register at the Information Counter today!

*For other announcements,
please download the
“Covenant EFC” mobile app.*

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Winning the War

BY: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI, DIRECTOR, INTEGRATED EQUIPPING

We are at war! Perhaps not literally, but certainly spiritually. Since the start of the year, the Lord has highlighted to us to keep watch. And as we come to the close of our pulpit series, He's reminding yet again of this reality.

What can we do? Allow me to suggest four things we must do to win this spiritual battle.

Be Watchful

We certainly do not blame the devil for everything. But he can surely stir up more trouble than we would like. When things go amiss, pause and bring it before the Lord. This would allow us to respond rather than react and play into the devil's schemes (Eph 6:11b).

Be Careful

God reminds us that our “struggle is not against flesh and blood” (Eph 6:12). While the presenting issue may come in the form of a person, we are reminded that the real enemy is unseen. Satan wants to divide us through misunderstandings, gossip, hatred etc. Be careful not to fight the wrong battle!

Be Armour-full

- Keep a daily time in God's Word to fill our thoughts with truth (Eph 6:14a).
- Remind ourselves that in Christ, we are more than good enough. We are righteous in God's sight — loved and accepted because of what our Lord has done for us on the Cross (Eph 6:14b).

- Be united in God's Gospel of peace. One key theme in the book of Ephesians is how God has made peace within warring human factions through the Gospel (Eph 2:14–15, 17, 4:3). We have genuine peace with one another in Christ and therefore we bring the good news of peace to others (Eph 6:15).

- Believe. Faith is holding on to God's truth when Satan throws temptations at us, be it lust, anger, fears, materialism etc. We block these deceptive thoughts by meditating and believing in God's truths (Eph 6:16).
- Be confident of victory. The helmet of salvation represents this. Our salvation is already won for us through the Cross. It is certain, sure, signed and sealed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We thus fight *from* victory and *not for* victory. We grow stronger as we experience this victory personally. You *can* win! (Eph 6:17a)
- Respond with God's Word. Just as our Lord defeated Satan in the wilderness with God's Word (Matt 4:1–11), likewise we respond with God's Word when Satan attacks (Eph 6:17b).

Be Prayerful

Prayer is the most wonderful demonstration of dependence on our Father. Pray for yourself, your family, your friends and your church leaders. We need prayers. Because when we pray, God works! (Eph 6:18 – 20)



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SERMON OUTLINE



Ready with the Gospel

Scripture: EPHESIANS 6:15 Sermon: PS VALERIE CHAN

Introduction

A. _____ on the Gospel of Peace

B. _____ with the Gospel of Peace

Conclusion

Next Week's Sermon Speakers:

20 Nov PS ANDY LEW (BPJ) PS EDMUND WONG (WDL) PS BARNEY LAU (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



God's Resources for Spiritual Warfare

Scripture: EPHESIANS 6:14 // Sermon: REV TAN KAY KIONG

Introduction

We wage not against what we can see, but against what we cannot see. There is an invisible, organised spiritual realm of demonic forces whose sole aim is to destroy us. People is the perceived enemy. The devil is the real enemy. Don't underestimate him. That's why we have to be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.

God's Resources for Spiritual Warfare: Truth and Righteousness

A. Anchored in the Truth

The belt has two primary purpose:

1. Gets Us Ready for Action

The Roman soldier's belt was usually made of leather and tied around the waist of the soldier. Whenever he tightens his belt, it means he was getting ready for action. When he loosens or removes it, it is likely he is going off duty. In other words, the truth of God is meant to get us ready for action.

Application: Upload the truth. Consider SFF/IDT.

2. Holds Everything Together

The belt of a Roman soldier (*zōnē*) is not a fashion statement or accessory. It holds up his undergarment or his loose garments. The ancients call this "girding up your loins". It also keeps the breastplate in place. From it hung the scabbard in which the sword is kept (v.17). In other words, the belt ensures that the soldier is unhindered when he engages in battle. The belt holds everything together. Without it, everything falls apart!

Application: Beware of false teachings and what the devil whispers to us daily, "God doesn't love you... You are not good enough..." He attacks the mind.

Geoff Gorsuch testimony: Cancer may get me but cancer will not define me!

B. Protected by His Righteousness

The breastplate protects the body from the neck to the thighs. It protects all his most vital organs. Someone called it the heart-protector. The breastplate of righteousness refers primarily to God's righteousness. It protects the disciple of Christ in two ways:

1. Protects Us from Condemnation

The breastplate of righteousness refers to the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ that is credited to us by pure grace (2 Cor 5:21, Rom 3:21-22). We don't deserve it. Nothing can remove our sin except the blood of Jesus.

2. Protects Us from Presumption

See Ephesians 4:24 and 5:9. The imputed righteousness of Jesus will result in practical righteousness in our lives. That means you cannot be a disciple of Jesus and yet walk blatantly in sin and rebellion. We may fall into sin but we do not choose to live in sin.

Conclusion

"For just as to cultivate 'truth' is the way to overthrow the devil's deceits, so to cultivate 'righteousness' is the way to resist his temptations." – John Stott