"Spiritual Warfare" Ephesians 6:10-18

- I. There is a spiritual battle raging in our country
 - A. The battle is guided by the <u>devil's evil schemes</u>
 - B. The battle is against the spiritual forces of evil
- II. We are called to stand our ground in this battle

"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith." (I Peter 5:8-9)

A. Our confidence is in the strength of God

"The Lord is my strength." (Exodus 15:2)

"In your hands are strength and power to exalt and to give strength to all." (I Chronicles 29:12)

B. We acquire God's strength through <u>faith and obedience</u>

"Do not be afraid or dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours but God's" (2 Chronicles 20:15)

- III. We are to put on the full armor of God and win the battle
 - A. We are armed with the truth of God
 - B. We are secure in righteousness by faith in Christ
 - C. We are ready to live and serve God
 - D. We are shielded by our faith in God

"We wait in hope for the Lord, he is our help and our shield." (Psalm 33:20)

- E. We are confident in our <u>salvation</u>
- F. We are armed with the Word of God

"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

G. We are covered by believing prayer

"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." (Matthew 26:41)

"They will make war against the Lamb but the Lamb will overcome them because he is the Lord or Lords and King of Kings and with him will be his called, chosen, and faithful followers." (Revelation 17:14)