

Remnant Life Church  
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## Not Just Surviving But Winning

Introduction

Ephesians 6:10-20

- As a Christian today we are engaged in a battle that has been raging since the dawn of time.
- The origin of Satan and the battle we face - **Isaiah 14:12-14**
  - Prophecy against the king of Babylon
  - Satan was thrown out of heaven for wanting to be like God - v.14 - *Pride* – v.13
- Also **Ezekiel 28:12-15**
  - Prophecy against the king of Tyre but also that same description found in Isaiah
  - Present in the Garden of Eden
  - V. 14 – Guardian cherub – the cherubim are the angelic beings who proclaim and protect the glory of God
    - Guarded the entrance to Eden (Gen. 3:24)
    - Instructed by God to be placed on the lid of the Ark of Covenant (Ex 25:18)
    - Same described by Ezekiel in his vision as the “Living Creatures” (Ez 1)
- In the garden of Eden God puts into motion the conflict we would always have with Satan (**Gen 3:14-15**)
  - Satan is present at creation as the morning star
  - But by the garden he is already fallen
  - God places enmity (mutual, active hatred for...)
  - The die is cast for the ongoing battle between Satan and the children of God but the promise is given of victory (v 15)
- What is this battle being fought for?
  - **For our mind** - worry, anxiety, fear, despair, doubt, depression, vain imagination
    - (**Dan.10:12**) *Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you **set your mind** to*

*gain understanding and to humble yourself before **your** God, **your** words were heard, and I have come in response to them.*

- **For our hearts** – possessiveness, ungodly affections, greed
  - (Psa 119:30) - *I have chosen the way of truth; I have **set my heart** on **your** laws.*
  - (Psa 119:32) - *I run in the path of **your** commands, for you have **set my heart** free.*
  
- **For our bodies** - unhealthy lifestyles, immoral behavior, immodesty
  - (Rom 8:10) - *But if Christ is in you, your **body** is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.*
  
- **For our soul** - salvation
  - (I Pet 5:8) - *Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to **devour**.*
  
- *Matthew 12:30 - Love the Lord **your** God with all **your heart** and with all **your soul** and with all **your mind** and with all **your strength**.*
  
- The author of Ephesians 6 had a unique perspective to his use of descriptive terms
  - Paul was in prison when he wrote this
    - most likely in Rome and only a few years from his death
  - Ephesians is one of the pastoral epistles written to churches to encourage, correct and instruct.

- Paul could visually see the items the soldiers wore and used those to describe what we needed in order to do battle in the spirit.
- God's plan, from the very beginning of time, was to provide a way for you and for me to come to know Him and spend eternity with Him.
- In the meantime He desires for His children to be overcomers
  - Not just survive, but WIN!