

MONDAY NIGHT MEETING

EPHESIANS - WARRING TOGETHER FOR THE GOSPEL

MAY 1, 2017

I. OVERVIEW OF EPHESIANS

A. About God's plan for the ages

1. To glorify Jesus Christ
2. To bring that to pass through the church

B. About the Church's work in the present

1. Building up the Body of Christ
2. Bring the good news to those outside the body

C. About the Church's conflict in the present

1. Against spiritual powers of darkness
2. In order that the good news might have its affect on people

II. REVIEW OF KEY ELEMENTS IN THE CONFLICT

A. Shield of Faith

1. Self Protection
2. To quench fiery darts
 - a. Not physical attacks
 - b. Attacks against the mind that make us move from confidence in God
3. Listen to God and build your life on His truth

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B. The Sword of the Spirit - The Word of God

1. How is the Word used in conflict
 - a. As a means of resisting temptation
- Matt. 4:1-11
 - b. As a means of upholding each other in the church - Colossians 3:16
 - c. As a means of bringing the gospel
- Acts 2:14-36
2. Here it seems to point to one of the last two

C. All prayer

1. Key Elements of the verse
 - a. Pray in the Spirit - He enables prayer
 - b. The breadth of the prayer
 - (1) All prayer and petition
 - (2) At all times
 - (3) For all the saints
 - c. The intensity of the prayer
 - (1) Be alert
 - (2) All perseverance
2. Picture is that of defending others by alert and pointed petition

*But He answered and said,
“It is written, ‘Man shall not live
on bread alone, but on every
word that proceeds out of the
mouth of God.’”*

*Jesus said to him, “On the
other hand, it is written, ‘You
shall not put the Lord your God
to the test.’”*

*Then Jesus *said to him,
“Go, Satan! For it is written,
‘You shall worship the Lord your
God, and serve Him only.’”*

~ Matthew 4:4, 7, 10

*Let the word of Christ
richly dwell within you, with
all wisdom teaching and
admonishing one another with
psalms and hymns and spiritual
songs, singing with thankfulness
in your hearts to God.*

~ Colossians 3:16

*For it was not David who
ascended into heaven, but he
himself says:*

*“The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at My right hand,
Until I make Your enemies a
footstool for Your feet.”*

~ Acts 2:34-35