

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth...” (Romans 1:16)

The war the devil and his demons wage against us is largely...

TO STOP THE GOSPEL FROM BEING PROCLAIMED!

Satan knows that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is powerful... so powerful that it can yank people out of his realms and put them in the Light!

“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:”
(Colossians 1:13)

If the enemy can prevent the Gospel from being boldly spoken... he is not in danger of losing more souls destined for hell. Therefore, the whole Armor of God exists not just for our protection, but also to keep us preaching His Good News!

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (14) How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? (15) And how

shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” (Romans 10:13-15)

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SPIRITUAL WARFARE!**

**IT IS TIME TO
PREACH THE GOSPEL!**

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The Armor of God

Part 9

Prayer



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“(18) Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; (19) And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, (20) For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.” (Ephesians 6:18-20)

After teaching on the Armor of God, the Apostle Paul seeks prayer!

THE ARMOR OF GOD - PRAYER

Obviously, spiritual warfare is a serious matter in the heart of Paul, and serious matters require serious prayer! Paul solicits specific prayer:

1) **Prayer and supplication** - Prayer is speaking with God. This is general praying, and should be worshipful, admiring God and loving Him. Supplication is presenting God with needs. Supplication can be either intercessory (on behalf of others) or personal (for your own needs).

2) **In the Spirit** - Paul desires intense, meaningful, Holy Ghost led prayer. Paul is not soliciting rote, memorized, rehearsed, ineffective prayers. He wanted and needed earnest, faith-filled prayers as led by the Holy Spirit.

3) **Watchful and diligent** - "...watching thereunto with all perseverance..." This speaks to the urgency of our warfare. It essentially means to be attentively watching and diligent in our prayer and warfare practice. The definition includes staying awake, sleepless.

Paul solicits diligent, tireless, prayers and supplications for all the saints. We need it!

4) **And for me** - We tend to think of the Apostle Paul as a mighty and powerful spiritual giant. This is probably a proper assessment on our parts. However, here we see Paul earnestly requesting the same types of prayer previously sought for all the saints to also be prayed on his behalf.

5) **Utterance** - Paul seeks prayer that he may be able to speak God's Word.

6) **Open my mouth boldly** - Can you imagine, the Apostle Paul asking for prayer that he may be bold? Almost everything we read about Paul would indicate he possessed a real boldness. Yet, he seeks prayer that he might speak frankly and without reservation.

Who else needs this type of prayer?

7) **The mystery of the Gospel** - Paul wants prayer to boldly proclaim the Gospel!

Paul desires boldness to tell people about the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

8) **Ambassador in bonds** - This gives a clue as to why Paul may be in need of boldness. He is in prison.

9) **I may speak boldly** - Here Paul uses a different Greek word to ask for prayer for boldness. This one means to have be free to speak confidently, with boldness. Paul desires prayer that he may speak demonstrating an assurance of his words.

It is very interesting that, in light of the Armor of God and spiritual warfare, Paul asks for prayer twice, using two different words for help to speak boldly!

How much more should we be asking people to pray for us to have boldness in our witness for Jesus!

The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Spiritual warfare is all about the Gospel of Jesus Christ!