

Ephesians 6 The armour of God

The Enemy

We are in a spiritual war. People ask, "If Satan has been defeated, why does he have so much power?"

World War 2, June 6th 1944 – D-Day

The war was won and it was over.

But on May 8th 1944, V-day was announced.

It took time for the war to finish.

D-Day – can be thought of as the Cross

V- Day can be thought of as the day when Jesus returns.

In our present world, the enemy has been weakened but he is not finally defeated.

1 Peter 5:8 The devil prowls about like a roaring lion.

Ephesians 6:10 – Be strong **in** the Lord. We can't win if we try and fight the battle ourselves.

The armour - We don't live in peace times. PU IT ON.

Ephesians 2:5 We were once dead in sin.

1 Peter 2:9 He brought us out of the kingdom of darkness into His marvellous light.

Ephesians 6: 11-12 – stand against the schemes of the devil. Our fight is not against flesh and blood, (but our fight is against who is behind the evil we see in the world.)

Our culture

Plays down Satan, or treats him as a joke.

We see this in fairy tales and cartoons – the man with the pitchfork.

But Satan is a fallen angel - Isaiah 14:12-14

He is the accuser - Revelation 12:10

He is the deceiver – Genesis 3

He is an angel of light – 2 Corinthians 11:14

Jesus has power over Satan

Matt 8:28 – there were two demon possessed men. Jesus said 'go' and had complete power over the demons.

Satan wants to see the kingdom of God fail.

Ephesians 4:27 – Give him no opportunity for this, by putting on the armour and standing firm.

Don't just know what the armour means. Put it on.

Recognise the war we are in.

Revelation 19 – We see Jesus leading an army. He brings the new kingdom by pushing out the old.

PRAY – Ephesians 6:18