

17. The church's one and only focus in spiritual warfare is the Lord Himself

a) as all things, the church's warfare is for His glory and for the truth entrusted

b) no matter what he does, Satan will not be able to separate us from the love of God
(2 Cor 12:7-10; Rom 8:38-39)

18. From God come all the resources the church needs to be completely victorious over Satan

a) surpassingly great power

1411 δύναμις *dynamis*

= strength, power, ability

= the potentiality to exert force in performing some function

- is toward those who believe
- is the power that raised Jesus from the dead and seated Him at God's right hand above all rule and authority
- is perfected in weakness

b) divinely powerful weapons

- for the destruction of fortresses

3794 ὀχύρωμα *ochuroma*

= stronghold, military fortification

= metaphorically – any strong points or arguments on which one relies

- for the destruction of false teachings

c) the full armour of God

3833 πανοπλία *panoplia*

= armour – both offensive and defensive

- truth - righteousness - peace with God
- faith - salvation - Word of God

(Eph 1:18-23; 2 Cor 10:3-6; Eph 6:10-18)

19. These provisions and resources we use to

a) destroy speculations

3053 λογισμός *logismos*

= a reckoning, a computation

= false reasoning: such as is hostile to the Christian faith

b) destroy proud pretensions against the knowledge of God

c) take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ

20. Waging an excellent warfare requires obeying the following commands:

♥ be strengthened

present, passive, imperative

- in the Lord, in the strength of His might

- the Lord will strengthen and protect us

(2 Thess 3:3)

♥ put on

aorist, middle, imperative

take up

aorist, active, imperative

the full, complete armour of God

♥ stand firm

2476 ἵστημι *histemi*

= to stand still, to stand immovable

♥ resist the devil firm in faith

436 ἀνθίστημι *anthistemi*

= to set oneself against, to withstand

= to stand against

= to refuse to yield to

♥ submit to God

♥ draw near to God and He will draw near to us

♥ be sober

3525 νήφω *nepho*

= to be calm and collected in spirit

= to be watchful, circumspect

♥ be on the alert

1127 γρηγορέω *gregoreuo*

= to give strict attention to, be cautious

(James 4:7-8a; 1 Pet 5:8-9a)

♥ don't sin and give the devil an opportunity, an occasion to act

(Eph 4:25-28)

♥ forgive each other so that no advantage is taken by Satan

(2 Cor 2:10-11)

♥ pray at all times for all the saints

(Eph 6:18)

♥ fight the good fight of faith

present, middle or passive

75 ἀγωνίζομαι *agonizomai*

= to strive to do with zeal, intensity and effort

(1 Tim 6:12)