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-Ephesians 1:3

-Ephesians 2:6

-2 Peter 1:3

## I. Our life is a fight

A. There is a fight ever so close to us – “wrestle” [12]

B. There is a fight around us – “flesh and blood” [12]

-Ephesians 4:25-27

C. There is a fight above us – “Devil” [11-12]

D. There is a fight in our generation – “present darkness, evil day” [12-13]

E. There is a fight within us – “put on” [11]

## II. Our fight is deep within us and has multiple spheres

A. Body [19-20]

B. Mind [14, 17, 18]

C. Spirit [17-18]

## III. Our enemy has schemes

-Ephesians 6:11

A. Satan’s goal is not to win, but to hurt – Purpose

-Revelation 12:12

B. Satan works through lies and accusations – Methods

-Revelation 20:3

-Revelation 12:9

1. Lies against Biblical principles

2. Lies about sin

1) By presenting the bait and hiding the hook

2) By making sin look attractive

3) By showing great men's sins and hiding their virtues, sorrows, and repentance

4) By presenting God as only merciful

5) By making people courageous to venture to sin

6) By representing successful sinners

7) By presenting the difficulty of Christian life

8) By causing saints to compare themselves to worse sinners

9) By polluting souls and judgment

10) By leading men to choose bad friends

3. Lies about God and about us – accusation

-Revelation 12:10

1) By causing saints to remember their sins more than their Savior

2) By causing saints to make false definitions of their graces

3) By causing saints to make false conclusions about their suffering

4) By suggesting to saints that the conflict that is in them is found also in hypocrites and profane souls

5) By suggesting to the saint who has lost joy and comfort that his state is not good

6) By reminding the saint of his frequent relapses into sin formerly repented of and prayed against

## IV. Our armor is available for our fight

A. We must put on the full armor of God [11]

-Ephesians 4:22-25

-Revelation 12:11

B. We must learn to deal with lies and accusations with God’s Word [14, 17]

C. We must be in constant communion with God – Prayer and the Word [17-18]