

» PRAYER & PRAISE

This coming Prayer & Praise, we will keep watch over the migrant workers, domestic helpers, and international students and professionals. Dr Goh Wei-Leong, the chairman of HealthServe and founder and director of Linking Hands will share his heart for the migrant workers and how God is at work among the internationals in Singapore. **Date:** 18 Nov (this Fri) **Time:** 8pm **Venue:** WDL Centre

» NURTURER REFRESHER TRAINING

For those who signed up during Step Up Sunday to be a Nurturer and those who want a refresher on nurturing new believers to prepare for this coming Christmas and 2017 harvest, come join us! **Date:** 21 Nov (Mon) **Time:** 7pm–10pm **Venue:** ACKCentre

» CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

Executive (Finance)
This role is required to perform financial accounting responsibilities such as weekly cash receipt recording for Sunday tithing and other income types, monthly bank reconciliation and monitoring cashflow balance. He/She will also coordinate the cash collection process during events. Prior relevant experience is preferred. Applicants should either be a church or CG member, with a heart to answer God's call in their lives in furthering Covenant EFC's mission. For more information, please visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment> Email your resumes to hr@cefc.org.sg by 20 Nov.

» TNG CROSSING

We will celebrate the spiritual milestones of our next generation at TNG Crossing, a combined graduation ceremony, as they progress to the next level of their discipleship journey. If your child is one of the following:

- Six years old and moving from K2 to Primary 1 in Sunbeam
- Primary 4 and moving to WEB
- 14 years old and moving to Momentum
- 18 years old and moving to adulthood

Register at tiny.cc/Momentum-2017 and join us on this special occasion!
Date: 19 Nov (this Sat) **Venue:** WDL Centre
There will be NO Sunbeam classes at BPJ and WDL Centres next Sun, 20 Nov.

» NEW LIFE DAY ON 20 NOV

Celebrate New Life Day with us next Sun, 20 Nov at all the services at BPJ, WDL and East Centres. Hear stories of how we have touched lives and mentored the next generation as Covenant EFC's face and hands to the community. You can be part of this too! **Find out more at our workshop on 29 Nov, 7.30pm–9.00pm at BPJ Chapel.** For more information, write to email@newlife.org.sg or call 6892 7191.

» BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Baptism Class on Sun, 11 Dec, 1.00pm–3.30pm at WDL Centre.
Membership Class this Sat, 19 Nov, 9am–4pm at ACKCentre.
Register at the Information Counter today!

*For other announcements,
please download the
“Covenant EFC” mobile app.*

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Winning the War

BY: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI, DIRECTOR, INTEGRATED EQUIPPING

We are at war! Perhaps not literally, but certainly spiritually. Since the start of the year, the Lord has highlighted to us to keep watch. And as we come to the close of our pulpit series, He's reminding yet again of this reality.

What can we do? Allow me to suggest four things we must do to win this spiritual battle.

Be Watchful

We certainly do not blame the devil for everything. But he can surely stir up more trouble than we would like. When things go amiss, pause and bring it before the Lord. This would allow us to respond rather than react and play into the devil's schemes (Eph 6:11b).

Be Careful

God reminds us that our “struggle is not against flesh and blood” (Eph 6:12). While the presenting issue may come in the form of a person, we are reminded that the real enemy is unseen. Satan wants to divide us through misunderstandings, gossip, hatred etc. Be careful not to fight the wrong battle!

Be Armour-full

- Keep a daily time in God's Word to fill our thoughts with truth (Eph 6:14a).
- Remind ourselves that in Christ, we are more than good enough. We are righteous in God's sight — loved and accepted because of what our Lord has done for us on the Cross (Eph 6:14b).

- Be united in God's Gospel of peace. One key theme in the book of Ephesians is how God has made peace within warring human factions through the Gospel (Eph 2:14–15, 17, 4:3). We have genuine peace with one another in Christ and therefore we bring the good news of peace to others (Eph 6:15).

- Believe. Faith is holding on to God's truth when Satan throws temptations at us, be it lust, anger, fears, materialism etc. We block these deceptive thoughts by meditating and believing in God's truths (Eph 6:16).
- Be confident of victory. The helmet of salvation represents this. Our salvation is already won for us through the Cross. It is certain, sure, signed and sealed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We thus fight *from* victory and *not for* victory. We grow stronger as we experience this victory personally. You *can* win! (Eph 6:17a)
- Respond with God's Word. Just as our Lord defeated Satan in the wilderness with God's Word (Matt 4:1–11), likewise we respond with God's Word when Satan attacks (Eph 6:17b).

Be Prayerful

Prayer is the most wonderful demonstration of dependence on our Father. Pray for yourself, your family, your friends and your church leaders. We need prayers. Because when we pray, God works! (Eph 6:18 – 20)



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SERMON OUTLINE



Ready with the Gospel

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 6:15** Sermon: **REV TONY YEO**

Introduction

A. _____ on the Gospel of Peace

B. _____ with the Gospel of Peace

Conclusion

Next Week's Sermon Speakers:

20 Nov **PS ANDY LEW** (BPJ) **PS EDMUND WONG** (WDL) **PS BARNEY LAU** (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



God's Resources for Spiritual Warfare

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 6:14** // Sermon: **REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI**

Introduction

Paul introduces six pieces of armour the Christian is to put on in Spiritual Battle (Eph 6:14–17). Then he adds on prayer (Eph 6:18–20). This gives a wonderful understanding of our responsibility and God's sovereignty in the warfare.

Ephesians 6:14 reminds us of the need to be:

A. Anchored in the Truth

1. The world seems to be moving towards a post-truth era in the area of politics (according to Jonathan Eyal as seen in the recent Trump vs Clinton debate and the Brexit incident). Christians on the other hand are mandated to anchor our lives in truth (John 1:14; 4:24; 14:6; 17:17).
2. The Bible can be empirically verified and thus worthy of our belief. In the area of historical particularity, archaeology has shown the Bible to be true. For example the March/April 2014 issue of Biblical Archaeological Review carries the article of how at least 50 people in the Bible has been confirmed by archaeology.
3. Different ways we can deal with the truth
 - a. Disbelieved. It takes more than an open mind to receive the truth. It usually requires an open heart.
 - b. Distorted. The danger is that many know only bits and pieces of the Bible and can end up making it say things it was never intended to. Consider a season of training in the Scriptures such as IDT.
 - c. Displaced. This is often the greatest danger. We get so busy with life and truth gets marginalised and we end up not living the faith.
 - d. Desired. This is the best position. One way we know whether there is such desire is to see what are the Scriptures we have upon our hearts and minds (i.e. Scriptures we have memorised).

B. Protected by His Righteousness

1. Righteousness is a relational word. It has to do with being in a right relationship with God. When we live our lives in accordance with God's laws, we are righteous in His sight.
2. Unfortunately all of us have sinned. We are unable to live righteously by our own efforts. God sent Jesus to die on the Cross. When we trust Him, Jesus' righteousness is conferred upon us and we can put on this righteousness (1 Cor 1:30; Eph 4:34). In this sense we will never be "good enough" by ourselves. But in Jesus Christ, we are more than good enough in God's sight! When Satan comes and attacks us in this manner, we remind him, "Yes, we are not good enough. But Jesus loves me and died for me so now **in Him**, I am more than good enough!"
3. The other danger is that Satan can try to distort our understanding of what it means to be a Christian. In Luke 15:11–31, the elder son demonstrated his heart when he responded to his father in verse 29. He saw himself as a "slave" and did what he did hoping to get things from his father. Making use of God to get what we want is not Christianity. That's some kind of ritual, certainly not the relationship God longs for (v.31). May we never forget that at the heart of our faith is about knowing and relating to the God who loves us!

Conclusion

How do we tie in truth and righteousness? In John 14:6 Jesus says that He is the way, the truth and the life. The Truth is not merely a thing to be possessed. He is a Person who loves us! May that anchor our hearts in the warfare!