

PAUL'S SECOND EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A CARNAL WORLD

2 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 10:1-6

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

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SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS

developing and maintaining your new life in Christ.

Part 2

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:
Service, Dedication, Maturity, Discipleship

Introduction to the Text;

2nd Corinthians 10:1-6

Hollywood is Fascinated about the Topic.

Interest in it generates some of the most well attended Movies each year. There seems to be a nagging fear coupled with a strange curiosity about it – I am talking about the idea, the thought, that an invisible, supernatural world exists beyond us.

Of course the Bible from the beginning has declared that the supernatural-spiritual world truly does exist and that it is actually more real than this world we know

We, With Our 5 Basic Senses – Still Question for More. Sight, Hearing, Touch, Smell, Taste.

(but we can all agree that we seem to be more complex than that)

Ps. 139:14

I will praise You, for I am **fearfully** and **wonderfully** made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my **soul**
(depth of mind, the greater reality) knows very well.

2 Cor. 10:1-6

Now I, Paul, myself am **pleading** with you by the **meekness** and **gentleness** of **Christ** - who in presence am **lowly** among you, but being absent am **bold** toward you. **2** But I **beg** you that when I am present I may not be **bold** with that **confidence** by which I intend to be **bold against** some, who think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. **3** For though we **walk in the flesh**, we do not **war** according to the flesh. **4** For the **weapons** of our **warfare** are not **carnal** but **mighty** in God for **(1) pulling down strongholds**, **5 (2) casting down arguments** and **(3) every high thing** that exalts itself **against** the knowledge of God, **(4) bringing every thought** into **captivity** to the **obedience** of Christ, **6** and **(5) being ready to punish** all **disobedience** when your **obedience** is fulfilled.

the word of encouragement is - *to the battle !*

SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS

1.) Is not predicated upon you v. 1-2

1a.) We are not empowered by us v. 1

1b.) We are not in this for ourselves v. 2a

1c.) We are not under our own authority v. 2b

Gal. 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live**, but **Christ lives in me**; and the life which **I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

OUR SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS

2.) You are engaged in a supernatural war v. 3-4a

OUR SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS

You Are Engaged In A Supernatural War

2a.) We battle in our humanity v. 3a

For though we **walk in the flesh**,

walk περιπατέω **peripateo**, *per-ee-pat-eh'-o*; to tread all about, to walk at large, to transport oneself or export oneself, to be preoccupied with self interests.

flesh σάρξ **sarx**, *sarx*; this "sarx" is in reference to the **positive** or reality of our nature or stripped down to humanity = flesh.

OUR SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS

You Are Engaged In A Supernatural War

2b.) We battle with our new nature v. 3b

we do not **war according to the flesh**.

war στρατεύομαι **strateuomai**, *strat-yoo'-om-ah-ee*; to serve in a military campaign, to contend with carnal-worldly inclinations.

flesh σάρξ **sarx**, *sarx*; this "sarx" is referring to the **negative** or un-reality of our nature. That our humanity, this mortal flesh is powerless.

2 Tim. 2:3-4

You therefore must endure hardship **as a good soldier** of Jesus Christ. **4** No one **engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life**, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

OUR SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS

You Are Engaged In A Supernatural War

2c.) We battle from the victory v. 4

For the **weapons** of our **warfare** are not **carnal** but **mighty in** God

weapons ὄπλον **hop'lon**, root meaning for the **Hoplite**, a Greek citizen-soldier. The **hop'lon** were offensive weapons of war designed for advancing.

warfare στρατεία **strateia**, *strat-i'-ah*; a protracted military campaign, a long-term military operation. A campaign until the end.

mighty δυνατός **dunatos**, *doo-nat-os'*; powerful-enough, capable-enough, able-enough, power-enough, strong-enough

Eph. 6:10-12

Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord** and **in the power of His might**. **11 Put on the whole armor** of God, **THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE to stand against the wiles of the devil**. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but **against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places**.

The Christian In Complete Armor

By William Gurnell

*“Note the sharpness of this mortal combat. It is the kind of combat which the Christian's state is here set out by, Here the phrase “For the **weapons** of our **warfare** are not **carnal** but **mighty** in God” Tells us that our warring is of a wholly different sort than the wars fought in this world. The battles of this world employ implements of war that can be seen and heard. The spiritual war for the Christian is a war against a world that is evil, dark, a world at war with God and the powers behind our enemy have nothing else to do but to scheme and to attack.”*

Invisible (most of the time) **spiritual beings not of this world**

Eph. 6:13-18

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, **THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE** to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **14** Stand therefore, having **(#1)** girded your waist with truth, having **(#2)** put on the breastplate of righteousness, **15** and **(#3)** having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; **16 (#4) above all**, taking the shield of **faith** with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. **17** And **(#5)** take the helmet of salvation, and **(#6) the SWORD of the Spirit, which is the word of God**; **18 (#7)** praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

Sword μάχαιρα **machaira**, *makh'-ahee-rah*; a specific weapon of the centurion for engaged, hand to hand combat. designed to a length of approx. 18” for confirmed lethality.

Use The Bible Very Specifically – Not Generically

Psalm 119:11

Your **word** *(the sword of the Spirit)* I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

Examples of This – Joseph in Egypt. Daniel in Babylon, Jesus in the Wilderness

Luke 4:4,8,12,13

4 But Jesus answered him, saying, **“it is written**, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’” **:8** And Jesus answered and said to him, **“Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written**, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’” **:12** And Jesus answered and said to him, **“It has been said, (it is written)** ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’” **:13** Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<<

End of Study