

“Stand Together In The Fight”
Ephesians 6:18-24
Sermon Series: “The Fight Of Your Life”

Introduction:

- Illustration: Lord Nelson (British naval hero) said to two quarreling officers, “Gentlemen, there is but one enemy-and he is out there!”
- Satan attacking the church (Matthew 16:18)
- Ephesians 4:1-6

Main Idea: The body of Christ has to stand together in the fight against our spiritual enemy.

How do we do this?

1. We stand together in the fight through praying for one another.

-Ephesians 1:15-20, 3:14-19

2. We stand together in the fight through caring for one another.

-Philippians 2:1-4 and connected to how Paul was in prison but concerned about the people in the church at Ephesus

3. We stand together in the fight through reminding one another of the resources we have in Jesus.

-Our fellowship is in Christ and Him crucified.

John MacArthur wrote in his commentary on Ephesians, “Paul begins Ephesians with the comprehensive declaration that “the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” (1:3). He then proceeds to tell us that we are chosen, predestined, and adopted as God’s children (1:4-5); lavished with His grace (1:6,8; 2:7); redeemed and forgiven (1:7; 4:32); given the mystery of His will (1:9; 3:4-6); receivers of an inheritance (1:11); have been sealed with the Holy Spirit (1:13-13; 4:30); greatly loved by God (2:4; 5:25); made alive with new life (2:5-6); the workmanship of Christ, created by Him for doing good works (2:10); given God’s own peace (2:14); made one with Christ and with every other believer as His own Body (2:13-19, 3:4-6); made citizens of God’s kingdom and members of His family (2:19); built into God’s own temple and the dwelling place of His Spirit (2:20-22); given boldness and confident access to God (3:12); made powerful beyond our imagination (3:20); given the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (4:3); individually and uniquely

gifted by Christ (4:7); blessed with specially gifted leaders to equip us in the work of ministry (4:11-12); taught by Jesus Christ Himself (4:20-21); given a new self in God's holy likeness (4:24); made light (5:8); offered the fullness of the Holy Spirit (5:18); given the instructions and resources to make all relationships with others what God intends them to be (5:21-6:9); and given God's full armor to make us invincible against Satan and his demonic forces (6:10-17)."

Summarize Ephesians in regard to what Jesus has done for us individually and how He has formed us into the Church. We are the church so we are together and must stand together in that unity. It is not optional (**Ephesians 2:1-9, 13-15, 19-22**).