

SUNDAY MORNING (December 15th) • HOLINESS Holy Warfare

Several weeks ago, we noted the commission of Hebrews 12:14 – “Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.” Holy people don’t act like the unholy world around them. Holy people live in a way that reflects their dedication to God and their trust in his word. Holy people are not holy by accident. Holy people are holy because they are conducting holy warfare in the strength that God supplies.

What can we learn about holy warfare from 2 Corinthians 10:1-6?

And Ephesians 6:10-20?

Why is Paul’s first statement in this context—“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might” (Eph 6:10) so important?

The New Testament consistently emphasizes that growth in holiness is going to require “striving” on the part of the Christian. What input can be gleaned from:

- Romans 8:12-13 –
- Romans 6:1-14 –
- Ephesians 4:17-24 –
- Colossians 3:5-11 –
- 1 Timothy 6:11-12 –

Christians “strive.” They strive to kill sin and to “keep in step” with the Spirit (Gal 5:25). They have rest in the gospel, but never rest in their battle against the flesh and the devil. The child of God is known for his inner warfare and his inner peace (more about the latter next week).