

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

WHY DO PEOPLE SUFFER?

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PART 4: A PROPER DEFENSE

LIMITED AUTHORITY

Jesus limited the authority given to people to cast out evil spirits and heal the sick.

1. A person must be born again and transfer into the Kingdom of God. **John 3:5-7; Acts 19:13-17**
2. You must abide in Jesus or you will dry up and wither. **John 15:1-8**
3. You must be baptized with the Holy Ghost. The disciples were under the direct command of Jesus when He walked on the earth. With Jesus in heaven, we are now under the command of the Holy Spirit. Jesus forbade the disciples to leave Jerusalem and begin their ministry until they were baptized in the Holy Spirit. **Acts 1:4-5;8; 2:1-4**
4. You cannot live a sinful lifestyle and cast out demons. **1 John 1:4-10**

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

We are told in the New Testament that Jesus is the head of the church. **Ephesians 1:15-23**

DEFENSIVE WEAPONS

Jesus is the commander-in-chief and it is necessary to know what He wants the church to accomplish. The apostle Paul has laid out the armor that a Christian soldier must put on before he can go on the offensive. **Ephesians 6:10-18**

- ❖ Truth is mandatory; the entire defensive arsenal depends upon you living a life of truth. **Ephesians 6:14a; 1 John 1:4-7**
- ❖ Salvation is a gift from God; it is not something that can be earned. Christians need to realize that we have the righteousness of Christ. **Ephesians 6:14b; Romans 3:20-26**
- ❖ We must always be ready to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Ephesians 6:15; Matthew 28:18-20**
- ❖ Faith in God will destroy every attack from the enemy. **Ephesians 6:16; Hebrews 11:1-6**
- ❖ If you are not sure about your salvation, you will be useless as a soldier in the Kingdom of God. A Christian must be absolutely sure of his salvation. **Ephesians 6:17a; John 10:27-30; 1 John 5:10-15**
- ❖ The Word of God is our sword and the first offensive weapon in our armor. Jesus used the Scriptures to defeat Satan. **Luke 4:1-13; Hebrews 4:12**



- ❖ Prayer is our access to the throne room of God. We cannot command angels to attack the enemy, nor do we have any spiritual power in of ourselves, so prayer is the link we use to call down fire on the enemy.

Prayer is like a forward air controller embedded with combat soldiers on the battlefield. His job is to locate the enemy, calculate the coordinates of the enemy position, establish the size of enemy confronting him, and then use his communication gear to contact the control center, and order in air and artillery strikes on the enemy position.

The forward air controller does not have any physical power, but because he can connect with the control center, he is the most powerful soldier in his combat unit.

A prayer warrior who is well connected to God the Father and knows what is needed can move mountains. **Mark 11:22-26**

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO PRAY?

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?