

## Sermon Notes – 06.09.2024 – Spiritual Warfare: The First Battlefield – Our Heart

### The World System is Ruled by the Prince of the Power of the Air – The Ruler of this world

#### Before We Knew Christ – We Were of “This World” - Now We Are In It but Not Of It

**Ephesians 2:1-10** And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, **2** in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. **3** Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. **4** **But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7** so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **8** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; **9** not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. **10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

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**John 9:5** "While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world."

**Joh 8:12** Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

**Matthew 5:14-16** "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; 15 nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

**Philippians 2:14-15** Do all things without grumbling or disputing; **15** so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,

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**John 17:14-17** "I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **15** "I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. **16** "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

### There are Two Kingdoms in the Earth – Only One Exists for Those that Christ Draws

**Colossians 1:13** For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

**Joh 12:32** "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself."

**James 4:1 & 4** What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is

**hostility toward God?** Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

## **The New Testament Overflows with Teaching About the Kingdom of God/ Heaven**

### **Citizenship is not Automatic**

**Ephesians 2:19-20** So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but **you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,** 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*, **n whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.**

### **The Character of the Kingdoms & Their Citizens – (Many, Many Scriptures)**

**Galatians 5:16-24** But I say, **walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.** 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. 19 **Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,** 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, **that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.** 22 But the **fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,** 23 **gentleness, self-control;** against such things there is no law. 24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

**2 Peter 1:3-11** seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. 4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them **you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.** 5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, 6 and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, 7 and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. 8 **For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.** 9 For he who lacks these *qualities* is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten *his* purification from his former sins. 10 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; 11 **for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.**

### **First the Choice - Repent – Then Take a Stand in the Battle and Don't Yield**

**2 Corinthians 7:10** For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

### **Is Your Heart Truly His?**

**Matthew 6:21** “for **where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**”