THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

11. Called to be Ambassadors

Introduction

We now come to the end of the Book of Ephesians. In the first half of the book Paul speaks about our inheritance in Christ. Believers are now seated with Christ in Heavenly Places, far above principalities and powers that rule this world. God's purpose for the Church is to demonstrate his wisdom to these evil rulers. However there is a battle taking place and Paul speaks about this now. He wants us to know how to stand against these evil powers so we will fulfill the mission God has called us to, and that is to be his ambassadors.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-24

✝ We are to stand against the devil's schemes. What are his schemes? How does this relate to what is happening in the world today?

✝ Four times we are told 'to stand'. How do you stand against the enemy? What can we learn from these verses that will help us 'to stand'? Can you share any examples from your life?

✝ Although we are 'to stand' against the devil's schemes, we are to advance God's Kingdom. How are we to do this? See 5:15-17 and 6:15, 18-20

✝ Share a recent experience of when you had the opportunity to be an 'ambassador for Christ.'

Prayer Time

Paul asked for prayer, that even though he was in prison, he would continue to share the gospel fearlessly. Let us pray for one another now, that God will open opportunities for us to share, and He will give us the words to speak fearlessly for him too.

Conclusion

There is a conflict taking place in the heavenly realm, day and night, 24 hours a day. Satan knows his time is short, and he is seeking to keep men and women in his control. God's desire is that all men come to know Him, and as His children and the body of Christ, our mission is to preach the gospel. Like Paul, we are ambassadors for Christ. The gospel has the power to set people free from sin and Satan's grip, and bring them into God's Kingdom. Let's keep our shoes on so we are always prepared and ask God to help us fearlessly share the Good News.