Feb 6, 2022 - A Good Soldier of Christ Jesus

**A Sunday school teacher explained the Gospel to her kids on day and said this:**

Are you part of God’s Army?

You answer needs to be yes!

Why yes? Because those that are not in the army don’t go to Heaven’s Base!

Why? Because we need to be rescued from Hell’s Home Base and takes us to Heaven’s Glory!

How? This is all possible Because of God’s Grace!

What is Grace? God’s Riches Blessings At the Cost of Christ Expense for you!

The Sinner becomes a Soldier of Jesus! Wow! That’s Amazing Love from the Father!

God is ready and willing to change the sinner and make them a Soldier!

The Question is are we ready? Ready for what?

To turn away from sins grip and turn into the grip of God?

To turn from doubt and turn to trust and faith in God’s Salvation!

Yes I am ready!

God’s Army is the Greatest and Strongest in the world!–

God executes His judgment on the bases of His Word -

God owns the days and no one is able to abide in it, only those that go to God and look for mercy and grace to for their sins!!!

- Joel\_2:11  And the LORD shall utter His voice before His army: for His camp is very great: for He is strong that executeth His Word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide in it?

God’s Army is under attack from the darkness of Hell everyday but God keeps safe those that are trusting in His Love and Salvation!!! -

* Revelation\_19:19  And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.
* v20-21 But the beast was captured along with the false prophet,… Both the beast and the false prophet were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. 21And the rest were killed with the sword that proceeded from the mouth of the One seated on the horse.

Choice you this day who will you serve?

Joshua 24:15 “And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

**Paul tells the church something Vital that the Church needs to hear!!!**

**Bible Passage:**

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2Ti 2:1  Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2Ti 2:2  And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

2Ti 2:3  Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

2Ti 2:4  No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

**#1 The Army of God means we joined in with God’s Family - v1a “my son”**

* Paul speaks to those that decided to join the family of God!
* What is deciding to join God’s Family?
* Does the church give you form to fill out and we mail it to headquarters and wait for them?
* What does John 1:12 say?
* What is the family of God?
* It means that you were a lost orphan without God and dead in your sins in darkness and God has made you alive and made you a child! Amen!
* The Child of God turns away from darkness and destruction’s voice… and hears the voice of The Father call out to the lost orphan!
* God voice becomes sweeter than a honeycomb.
* King David writes in Ps. 19:10 God’s Word are ..”More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.”
* God makes the child a new creature!
* What does 2 Cor. 5:17 say?
* God doesn’t just through a life preserver to a drowning person. He goes to the bottom of the sea and pulls a corpse from the bottom of the sea, takes him up on the bank, breathes into him the breath of life and makes him alive! RC Sproul
* Only God can makes us alive and make us children of God!
* Have you responded to voice of the Father and be made new by the Power of God? I have! It called a Miracle!

**#2 The army of God works in joints with others to grow and serve God!**

V3 “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”

* How wonderful it is to work together!
* 1 Cor. 3:6 “I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.”
* I said wonderful not always easy!
* Why?
* Paul said in the same chapter this about the Church of God! V3 “for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions,”
* Paul called them “ Carnal”
* What is carnal?
* Is to be cloth with the old man’s ways of life and neglecting and disobeying to put on the new man!
* Jesus said it this way - Mat.\_9:16  No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent/tear is made worse.
* God has given us new clothing/nature to wear! And we tear it when we mix the old nature with the new nature!

**#3 The Army of God jostles with the World and finds victory in Jesus Christ the Son of God!**

 v:4  “No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. “

* 2Ti\_1:7  For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
* The Child of God is called by God to go onward and forward and not backwards!
* Never, never, never give up. Winston Churchill –
* Did you know that in 1940-1945 The world was at a great War in WWII. And men like Churchhill had step up!
* We are living in a time when men and women of God need to step up for truth and righteousness against lies and darkness again!
* Are you ready to step up for the Lord Jesus?
* Grab you Sword – The Word if God
* Grab your Armor – The Charter of God
* Work in the Battlefield – Where God has planted you!
* Start fighting – God’s way vs Humanism and Idolatry