

What is Spiritual Warfare?

- It is an ancient battle of good against evil in the heavenlies involving the angelic hosts and then brought down to earth and humanity through Adam's sin.
- By his sin Adam turned over the dominion of this world to Satan who became and is the god of this world.

2 Cor 4:2-4

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

- Because of Adam's fall and Christ's redemption we are now subject to spiritual warfare.

Eph 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

2 Cor 10: 3-5

*For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:
(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through
God to the pulling down of strong holds;)*

*Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the
knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

The Supreme Victory and its Execution

- At the cross Jesus defeated Satan and sin and took back dominion of the earth and the entire universe.

Heb 2:14

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Phil 2:8,9

⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name`

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-We are His spiritual feet on the ground.

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Eph 1:19-22

¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Eph 2:6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus

-This army is a more glorious army than the host of angels because it has been purchased through His blood and birthed through the cross.

It is an army in His image.

The extent this army is conformed to His image will be the extent of its success.