A New Year's Day Commission 2022

A COMING YEAR OF PERSONAL CHOICES, DECISIONS AND COMMITMENTS

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The Great Put On – Part 2

Living A Victorious Christian Life By Being Equipped For Every Moment

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I am sure that you will agree with me when I say;

The days that we are now living in are days of; Recognition / Assurance / Confidence / Awareness

Psalm 65:11

You crown the year with Your goodness, And Your paths drip with abundance.

Jeremiah 29:11-13

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Joshua 1:5-7

No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

Our Text for The Year

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. :14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having

put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints!

"Get Bundled Up" Mom Would Say...

The most effective way to gain the upper hand in warfare is to get your enemy to believe that you're not really at war with em'. (get em' to look elsewhere, add some distractions and preoccupations and you'll have em')

This is What We Do About It...

2 Timothy 2:3-4

You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

On New Year's Eve We Learned This...

The Great Put On

1.) Put On What Is Christ

vs. 10-11a

Ephesians 6:10-18

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2.) Put On What Is Tough

vs. 11b-12

that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

God's plan is to Enable you, while Satan's Plan is to Disable you.

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Verse 12

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

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3.) Put On What Is Firm

vs. 13-14a

13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. :14 Stand therefore,

"In the evil day – we must stand & 2022 is it"

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4.) Put On What Is Right

vs. 14b

having girded your waist with truth,

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5.) Put On What Is Bold

vs. 14c

having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

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6.) Put On What Is Ready

vs. 15

15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

a New Testament Church is an Evangelistic Church

and a New Testament Christian is the Reason Why....

Tell People This Year about what God has done or is doing in your life.

We may not all be goers, but we can all be senders.

Luke 8:38

Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Jesus that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

My Favorite - Jesus Removes All Our Excuses

Mark 7:31-37

Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, Jesus came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. 32 Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. 33 And Jesus took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. 34 Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." 35 Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. 36 Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it. 37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

So How Do We Do This - Present Yourself?

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify (keep at the ready, on hand, within reach) the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

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7.) Put On What Is Victorious

vs. 16

16 ABOVE ALL, taking the shield of faith with which YOU will be able to quench ALL the fiery darts of the wicked one.

But How?

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 8:37

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

above all grk: epi pas

a high priority, that which is chief or essential.

shield grk: thureos;

a wall of portable protection, a strong stop

quench grk: sbennumi

to extinguish, put out, to disarm.

fiery darts grk: puro

to set on fire, burning // and belos, a missile or arrow. a flaming

missile or flaming arrow -

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 NLT

We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. 4 We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. 5 We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ. 6 And after you have become fully obedient, we will punish everyone who remains disobedient.

1 John 2:14

I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.

Satan's Armament of Flaming Arrows / Schemes

Deception / Unbelief / Distrust / Sensitivity / Unforgiveness / Disunity / Conflict / Temptation / Doubt / Condemnation / Distraction / Fear

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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8.) Put On What Is Confidence

vs. 17a

17a And take the helmet of salvation,

I love the fact that SALVATION is protected by the HELMET.

(in this country – we now have helmet laws for everything)

"Church – when I read my Bible, I hear God repeatedly saying; "Be Strong and of good courage" "Do not be Afraid, for I am with you" "I have written your name in the Lambs Book of Life."

John 11:25

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

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9.) Put On What Is Power

vs. 17b

17b and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God

sword grk: machaira;

a short sword or dagger, a close combat weapon used only for mortal engagements (the life or death weapon of choice)

Sword Out and in Position

1 Timothy 4:6-9

If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed. 7 But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. 8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. 9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

Sword Out and in Position

Hebrew 5:14

But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

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10.) Put On What Is Alert

vs. 18

18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints!

Mark 13:32-33

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.

Implying that the event is itself imminent. It comes without warning and it's sudden. But here's what's awesome – it's not intended to be a surprise or shock to the follower of Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-9

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Church, Let's Stand Together As One. And Let Us Lift Our Hands Together To Him.

Jude 24 & Deuteronomy 6:24-26

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, 24 The LORD bless you and keep you; 25 The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; 26 The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.



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