

## Soldiers Of Christ

### Introduction:

- A. The world is much concerned with carnal warfare. - e.g., Bosnia
- B. But there is a far more serious war going on at this time than any carnal one.- Ephesians 6:12
- C. Christians are the soldiers of Christ in this great conflict. - 2 Timothy 2:3
- D. How can you be "a good soldier of Jesus Christ"?

### I. What kind of war do we fight?

- A. It is spiritual, not carnal. - 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
- B. The combat arrays Christ and His disciples against Satan and his henchmen.- Ephesians 6:10-12
- C. It is a war in which no quarter can be given. - Ephesians 5:11; II John 9-11
- D. There are no neutrals. - Matthew 12:30
- E. We have an objective. - 1 Timothy 2:3-4

### II. How can we prepare for this warfare?

- A. We must recognize and obey our leader. - Hebrews 2:10; Colossians 3:17
- B. We must put away all entanglements. - 2 Timothy 2:4
- C. We must put on armor. - Ephesians 6:13-18
  - 1. loins girt about with truth - John 8:32; 17:17
  - 2. the breastplate of righteousness- Titus 2:11-12
  - 3. feet shod with the preparation of the gospel- 1 Peter 3:15
  - 4. the shield of faith - Hebrews 3:12-13
  - 5. the helmet of salvation - I Thessalonians 5:8
  - 6. the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God - Hebrews 4:12
  - 7. with all prayer- I Thessalonians 5:17-18

### III. What are we to do as soldiers?

- A. Fight- 1 Timothy 6:12; Jude 3
- B. Stand fast - 1 Corinthians 16:13; the story of Thermopylae
- C. Endure hardships - 2 Timothy 2:3; 3:12
- D. Watch - 1 Peter 5:8; Romans 16:17

### Conclusion:

- A. There is herein a call for both saint and sinner.
  - 1. Saints, fight! - 1 Timothy 6:12
  - 2. Sinners, enlist voluntarily for the fight. - Revelation 22:17
- B. A crown awaits the victors. - 2 Timothy 4:7-8
- C. Let us march together to triumph. - 1 Corinthians 15:57