

Conquering The Invisible Enemy

If you have watched coronavirus press conferences you have undoubtedly heard the phrase “the invisible enemy.” They are referring to the virus as the invisible enemy that has infected many people all throughout the world. You don’t see it coming, but if you are in the wrong place at the wrong time you can become infected and run the risk of unknowingly spreading that infection to others. It is serious enough that it has spread to 212 countries and infected 3.3 million people worldwide.



Satan can be considered an invisible enemy as well. Satan baits and tempts us into making poor choices in life. He gets us to rationalize why something will be good for us, or that we deserve it, even if it is contrary to scripture. Giving in to satan causes heartache and destruction.

We don’t know that satan is responsible for this worldwide pandemic, but we know he takes advantage of every opportunity to turn us away from God and lead us on an evil path of destruction. The Bible tells us God can work good into the same seemingly disastrous situation. During this pandemic families are spending more time together, especially mealtime as a family. Parents are helping their children with school work. We diligently tune into on-line church services and Sunday School lessons in our own homes. Life is slowing down, giving people time and opportunity to re-evaluate what is truly important in their lives. People have turned to God for strength and hope. We trust God will bring us through this difficult situation. *In everything God works for the good of those who love him (Romans 8:28)*. In recent months we have made significant progress on slowing the spread of the virus. Let us continue our diligence. And, spiritually, don’t let your guard down against the invisible enemy, satan. He is waiting for us to let our guard down so he can strike.

How do we keep satan from infecting our life? We can conquer satan by “putting on the armor of God.”

- Stand firm in your identity in Christ (Ephesians 6:14). You are a Child of God.
- Arm yourself with truth & righteousness (verse 15)
- Use a shield of faith to withstand attacks of Satan (verse 16)
- Know that believers will receive salvation (verse 17)
- Be in God’s Word (verse 17)
- Pray (verse 18)



When we pray The Lord’s Prayer, we ask God to “deliver us from evil.” God will do this if we let him. We have God’s power working through us. “For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Bible Says: *Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people (Ephesians 6:13-18).*