

GOD'S WORD ON SPIRITUAL EQUIPMENT FOR WARFARE

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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. 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. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

--Ephesians 6:10-20 (NKJV)



IMPORTANT DETAILS

SCHEDULE AND FORMAT: All sessions on Saturday will begin at 4:00 pm.

COSTS: A free will offering will be received. These funds are used to fellowship with the Bible teachers. Cash or checks may be placed in the offering box so identified at the meetings. Please make checks out to "Northwest Gospel Hall." Checks may be mailed to: Northwest Gospel Hall, 1350 Garfield, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

BOOKS AND RECORDINGS:

Audio tapes and/or CD's of the sessions will be available for \$5.00 per/set. Also a limited number of related books will be on hand.

MEALS:

A potluck supper will be provided by the local Christians who attend the seminars.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

For those traveling from outside the greater Grand Rapids area, lodging is available in the homes of the local saints. Please see "contact information" below.

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CHILDCARE:

IF ADVANCE NOTICE IS RECEIVED, childcare will be provided. Please give the number, age, and any special needs of the children for whom you desire care. See "Contact Information" above.

GOD'S WORD ON: "EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR MINISTRY"

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ,..." --**Ephesians 4:11-15 (NASB)**

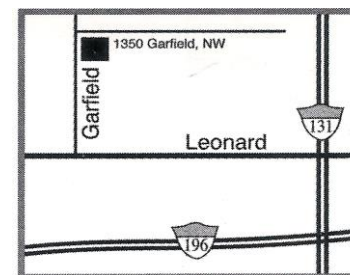
CLASS FORMAT FOR THE 2013-2014 SEASON

This year's format will consist of four 50-minute sessions, with a potluck meal served between sessions two and three. Our goal is to finish by 8:30 pm.

Session #1	4:00 pm – 4:50 pm
Session #2	5:00 pm – 5:50 pm
—Meal Time 5:50 pm – 6:40 pm—	
Session #3	6:40 pm – 7:30 pm
Session #4	7:40 pm – 8:30 pm

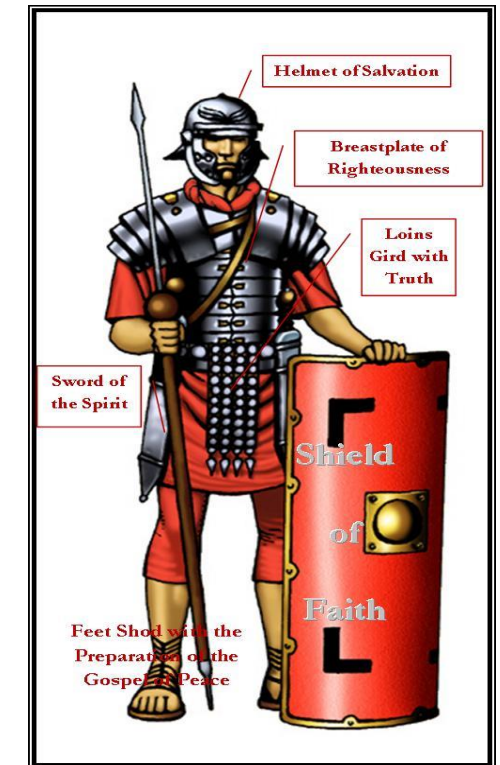
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Saturday Bible Studies 2013-14



FOR THE EQUIPPING OF THE
SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF SERVICE,
TO THE BUILDING UP
OF THE BODY OF CHRIST...
EPHESIANS 4:12

THE LOVE GOD HATES

Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever (1 John 2:15- 17).

Satan, from the very beginning of his rebellious activities, has been developing an invisible spiritual system of evil designed to oppose God and enslave people to sin. The apostle John identified that system as "the world," and warned us not to love it.

Satan has had many centuries to develop his evil system, so it is very effective on those who reject Christ. First John 5:19 explains that while we as Christians belong to God, "the whole world lies in the power of the evil one," whom Jesus called, "the ruler of this world" (John 12:31). In John 8:44 He identified certain unbelievers as children of their father, the devil, who is a murderer and the father of lies. That's how completely unbelievers are identified with Satan.

As a believer, you are identified with God. You have been delivered out of the domain of darkness and placed into the kingdom of Christ (Col. 1:13). You are from God and have overcome the evil one because the Holy Spirit who indwells you is greater than he who controls the world (1 John 4:4).

THE LOVE GOD HATES

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Sadly, Christians sometimes flirt with the very things they've been saved from. Don't do that. Satan and his system have nothing to offer you. They are doomed! First John 2:17 says, "The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever."

Suggestions for Prayer:

- If you've been flirting with the world, confess it to God and ask for His forgiveness.
- Praise God that someday Satan and his evil system will be vanquished forever.

For Further Study:

Read the epistle of 1 John, noting the contrasts between the children of God and the children of Satan.

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2013—2014 EFM SCHEDULE

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 19, 2013

STUDIES IN BECOMING A BIBLICAL DISCIPLE MAKER

SPEAKER: Ron Risse, Wisconsin

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 16, 2013

STUDIES IN CHARACTER: HEZEKIAH

SPEAKER: Mike Attwood, Missouri

SATURDAY
JANUARY 18, 2014

STUDIES IN THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF PRAYER

SPEAKER: Peter Rennie, Windsor, Ontario

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 15, 2014

STUDIES IN REACHING JEWISH PEOPLE FOR CHRIST

SPEAKER: Steve Herzig, New Jersey

2013—2014 EFM SCHEDULE (cont.)

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
MARCH 21 – 23, 2014

A VERY SPECIAL...
EFM/NORTHWEST GOSPEL
HALL SPRING CONFERENCE

STUDIES IN CULTIVATION: CULTIVATING A HEART FOR MISSIONS & MISSIONARIES

SPEAKER: Nate Bramsen, Africa

SATURDAY
APRIL 19, 2014

STUDIES IN SERVANTHOOD

SPEAKER: Sam Thorpe, Georgia

**Therefore, my beloved
brethren, be steadfast,
immovable, always
abounding in the work of
the Lord, knowing that your
toil is not in vain in the Lord.
--1 Corinthians 15:58 (NASB)**
