

O'Malley Family Bible Study Christian Soldiers: equipping – part 1 March 12, 2012 Evil has been overtaking the Christian world bit by bit; Evil continues their march to stomp out all Christianity. Biblical Based Christians are now considered "terrorist" and "rebels" and their activities are being restricted.

There are many examples of the bible warning you to keep on the guard and be watchful since the devil:

- Tempts you (Mt4:1) with sin so that an opportunity opens (Eph4:26-27) to oppress you (Acts10:38).
- Makes crooked the straight paths (Acts13:10) thus laying snares for you, captures you and make you do his will (2Tim2:26).
- Is roaming like a lion (1Pt5:8) to capture, torture and kill you (Rev2:10).

We are told in the bible to:

- Be on the alert, stand firm, act like men (1Cor16:13)
- Resist the devil (James4:7)
- Resist to shedding your own blood (Heb12:4)

How is this standing and resisting the devil done biblically?

We are fighting the devil's minions in two places. The first is in the physical world since Jesus commanded all Christians are to be physically armed (Lk22:36-38). War is upon us, the time for peace is long since passed. We are told to prepare for war that we need to turn our plowshares and pruning hooks into swords and spears (Joel3:9-10).

What if you arrive on the front lines and:

- you don't have a sword, or
- you don't know how to use a sword or
- You are afraid to use it or
- you don't have any other protection

At that point you are a blade of grass watching that lawnmower roll towards you, unable to stop it. Jesus stressed the importance of knowing about the second battle front, that being a spiritual battle and this bible study covers a small part of that equipping. There are prequels and sequels to this study however we are in the present and need to know what to do right now.

Everyone needs to go a spiritual boot camp to learn the basics since the devil has destroyed much of the infrastructure that once provided that training.

A Christian may never go to boot camp if their parents have always spoken down on military service, if their friends, newspapers, TV say that the military service is not worth the time or is a good choice for your career.



If the parents are doing their job correctly and instilling patriotic leanings then their children will voluntarily sign up. God's army is an all-volunteer army, no one is involuntarily drafted. One must chose to be a Christian soldier. There is no retirement in God's army since the war will continue until the Commander in chief comes back. We all must choose whom we will serve, whether it is Jesus or Satan (Josh24:15). Depending on the parents own training the child should know the basics of who, why and how the need for military service.

As with most armies, the majority of the soldiers are grunts (foot soldiers). Most Christian parents, on a whole are serving as food soldiers. Some children are blessed to have their fathers serving in God's Special Forces or as a Non Commission Officers (NCOs) or an Officer.

A parent's role is to train up a child (Prov22;6) and to indoctrinate them (Dt11:19) with the basics.

Attending weekly local militia assemblies offer group instruction in areas that the parents may not be familiar with or know about.

"...there are known knowns; there are things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns; that is to say we know there are some things we do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns -- the ones we don't know we don't know" - Donald Rumsfeld

Those persons gathering at the local weekly militia assemblies may only have been foot soldiers themselves and have a limited scope of the battle plan. Soldiers who desire advanced training must diligently seek out a rebel opposition headquarters and join with them to gain the special forces skill set:

- To learn how to use advanced weaponry,
- To gear up with proper combat clothing and
- To be able to take that instruction and go off and set up other insurgency base camps behind the enemy lines.
- Don't neglect to meet together (Heb10:25)
- Iron sharpens iron and one man sharpens another (Prov27:17)



Unfortunately most local militia assemblies are not focused on training the soldiers or they have their focus away from battling satan and his demonic army. They may accurately point out all the bad things that the enemy has done but not offer any offensive tactics.

Many assemblies have placed training emphasis on issues that are in no way directed to fight satan. These issues divide the assemblies and drive away potential soldiers.

These divisive issues could be:

- Having a kitchen or not having a kitchen in the building
- Meeting in a home or in a separate building
- One communion cup or multiple
- One loaf of bread or multiple
- Using or not using musical instruments for praising Jesus
- Having separate age bible studies or one group one
- Frequency of communion: weekly, monthly or yearly
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The enemy is pouring over the front lines charging with fixed bayonets towards your fighting hole. It's incredible that you see Christians take their focus off the enemy; from laying down a final protective fire which they should be doing, and argue with the other Christians trying doing their job of emptying clip after clip at the charging enemy.

One test to see if this local militia assembly is bay doors open over the target is to see how much flack is exploding in the air around the plane. Is there a concerted effort by satan and his henchmen to take out the assembly? Has there been recent



raids and full all out assaults (soft strikes: propaganda over the airways, print... hard strikes: physical personnel or infrastructure strikes)? If the answer is no then satan doesn't consider the assembly a threat to his war plans.



Our battle is not just confined to the physical world but in the spiritual zone (Eph6:12) and to battle in that realm, one must be properly equipped.

What's the uniform?

- 1. Under garment of gladness (Thompson Sept Is61:10)
- 2. Beautiful garments of strength (Is52:1)
- 3. Garments of vengeance for clothing (Is59:17)
- 4. Coats of mail (Neh4:16)
- 5. Girded your loins with truth (Eph6:14)
- 6. Breastplate of righteousness (Eph6:14)
- 7. Shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace (Eph6:15)
- 8. Fury as a mantle (Is59:17)
- 9. Shield of faith (Eph6:16)
- 10. Helmet of salvation (Eph6:17)
- 11. Sword of the Spirit (the Bible) (Eph6:17)
- 12. Pray at all times in the Spirit, keep alert (Eph6:18)

Jesus will give you a ruck sack full of extras:

- 13. Place a wall of fire around you (Zech2:5)
- 14. Made us a fortified city, and iron pillar, bronze walls (Jer1:18)
- 15. Helping army of angels (Mt26:53)
- 16. Made our foreheads hard like a diamond (Ez3:9)
- 17. Gave us a Rest and Recovery Fortress (Ps144:2)
- 18. Lord goes before you, God of Israel is rear guard (Is52:12)

Jesus will train you

19. Trains my hands for war and my fingers for battle (Ps144:1)

Jesus does expect some effort on your part

- 20. Be strong and courageous (Josh1:7)
- 21. Show yourself armed and valiant (Josh1:14)
- 22. Take your thoughts captive (2Cor10:5)
- 23. Be vigorous in the work of the Lord (Jer48:10)
- 24. Fear God (Ecc12:13) not the enemy god (1Jn4:4)

Not all persons are ready for military service, even if they can draw a sword. If ones' mental attitude is not right then you will be a casualty on the field (Judges8:20-21)

RSV Judges 8:20-21

20 And he said to Jether his first-born, "Rise, and slay them." But the youth did not draw his sword; for he was afraid, because he was still a youth.

21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, "Rise yourself, and fall upon us; <u>for as the man is, so is his strength</u>." And Gideon arose and slew Zebah and Zalmunna; and he took the crescents that were on the necks of their camels.

The second step in the equipping process was to cloth yourself in strength. That strength is thru Jesus (Ps118:14)



A key point is <u>if you do not have the Spirit of Christ then you will not have any power and</u> <u>you do not belong to Jesus (Rm8:9)</u>. This means the only weaponry that you will be going to the front lines with is in your underwear of gladness. See how long you last against the enemy with no armor or weapons. You can't slay Goliath with your joy and happiness.

One must first have strength of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The only way to receive power and strength is by getting the Holy Spirit (Acts1:8). The only way to receive the Holy Spirit is to be baptized (Acts2:38 *note: the only baptism recorded in the new testament were Adult [20 years old and up] full water immersion baptism - <u>not infant or faith only baptism</u>) and then you will have put on Jesus (Gal3:27) which will have washed away your sins (Acts22:16) and are now in the covenant with Jesus (Mt26:28) and thus will be issued your weapons card and now can boldly march down to the Heavenly armory and begin drawing out your Equipment and weapons.*

Now that you know of the equipment and weapons available to those who obey Jesus on baptism - what do you do with them, how do you use them?

First you must have faith that these equipment and weapons are effective and will protect you. **Second** you must pray them on and pray boldly in the same manner and attitude like our bible forefathers prayed (more in the second part)

If the local militia assembly has not or is not teaching about these weapons and how the bible describes them to be deployed and used then they are not teaching the advanced fighting skills that one needs for close quarters, hand to hand combat. Knowing about and using a weapon is vastly different and using a weapon improperly could cause friendly fire either on yourself or your family.

Either you're a Christian or a heathen. As a Christian you can be hot, cold or lukewarm (Rev3:16). A Christian who is on fire (hot) will see and have been trained to be able to use these weapons. The heathen and the cold/lukewarm Christians will see these "spiritual weapons" as foolishness (1Cor2:12-14) but that's ok those who reject the gifts available thru baptism will have the various plagues enter their house and will not be able to make a 911 call to Jesus (Ps91:9-11). We all have been given the ability to choose, some will choose unwisely and a remnant will choose the correct path (Ps91:7) and be protected.

RSV Psalms 91:7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand; but it will not come near you.

This is the first step in getting prepared to be an effective arrow in God's quiver (Is49:2) so that in the day of battle you will be ready (Jer50:14-15)

The next part will cover "lone wolf" tactics, small team (Fire and Maneuver team), squad, company, battalion and regiment force projections/placement.

Regards, David O'Malley

2012 Completed Bible studies - 1/20/12 - Fukushima Daiichi (end times part 1) - 2/12/12 - The Trinity: 1 in 3, 3 in 1 or 4 by 2 from 1? (part 1) - 2/25/12 - The Trinity: 1 in 3, 3 in 1 or 4 by 2 from 1? (part 2) - 3/04/12 - A time for war and a time for peace - 3/12/12 - Christian Soldier: Equipping - part 1	Future O'Malley Family Bible studies - 2-2-2-2-2-2 Enigma of Passover (3/17) - Heaven's anguish, Hell's 3 day party (3/24) - Passover - pain and suffering of Jesus (3/31) - Christian Soldiers group maneuvers - PEP: Persecution, Endurance & Preservation - Understanding, knowledge and wisdom & Fear connection - Fall of Jerusalem: departure of the King of Kings - 5 stones for 5 giants: tearing the Baals down
	 The Law - intro/controversy/importance The Law - distant, past, now, future Path to the end (end times part 2) Marks of the nations of Israel (end times part 3) Escape from Babylon (end times part 4) the message for the mixed multitude War scrolls fighting insights

Acknowledgment: Pastor Peters and Scriptures for America have covered all these and much more weapons and protections in the past & continue to teach them.

RSV Matthew 4:1 THEN JESUS was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

RSV Ephesians 4:26-27

26 Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

27 and give no opportunity to the devil.

RSV Acts 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

RSV Acts 13:10 and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord?

RSV 2 Timothy 2:26 and they may escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

RSV 1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour.

RSV Revelation 2:10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

NASV 1 Corinthians 16:13 Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong

RSV James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

RSV Hebrews 12:4 In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

RSV Luke 22:36-38

36 He said to them, "But now, let him who has a purse take it, and likewise a bag. And let him who has no sword sell his mantle and buy one. 37 For I tell you that this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was reckoned with transgressors'; for what is written about me has its fulfilment."

38 And they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And he said to them, "It is enough."

RSV Joel 3:9-10

9 Proclaim this among the nations: Prepare war, stir up the mighty men. Let all the men of war draw near, let them come up.
10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, "I am a warrior."

RSV Joshua 24:15 And if you be unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

RSV Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

RSV Deuteronomy 11:19-21

19 And you shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

20 And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates,

21 that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.

RSV Hebrews 10:25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

RSV Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

RSV Ephesians 6:12 For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Thompson Sept Isaiah 61:10 And they shall rejoice in the Lord with joy. Rejoice in the Lord, O my soul, for He hath clothed me with the mantle of Salvation, and with under garment of gladness, He hath crowned me as a bridegroom with a crown and adorned me as a bride.

RSV Isaiah 52:1 AWAKE, AWAKE, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for there shall no more come into you the uncircumcised and the unclean.

RSV Isaiah 59:17 He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in fury as a mantle.

RSV Nehemiah 4:16

16 From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail; and the leaders stood behind all the house of Judah,

RSV Ephesians 6:14-18

14 Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

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

16 besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

RSV Zechariah 2:5 For I will be to her a wall of fire round about, says the Lord, and I will be the glory within her."

RSV Jeremiah 1:18 And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests, and the people of the land.

RSV Matthew 26:53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?

RSV Ezekiel 3:9 Like adamant harder than flint have I made your forehead; fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house."

RSV Psalms 144:2 my rock and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield and he in whom I take refuge, who subdues the peoples under him.

RSV Isaiah 52:12 For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

RSV Psalms 144:1 BLESSED BE the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle;

RSV Joshua 1:7 Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law which Moses my servant commanded you; turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.

RSV Joshua 1:14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle shall remain in the land which Moses gave you beyond the Jordan; but all the men of valor among you shall pass over armed before your brethren and shall help them,

RSV 2 Corinthians 10:5 We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle to the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

RSV Jeremiah 48:10 "Cursed is he who does the work of the Lord with slackness; and cursed is he who keeps back his sword from bloodshed.

RSV Ecclesiastes 12:13 The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.

RSV 1 John 4:4 Little children, you are of God, and have overcome them; for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

RSV Psalms 118:14 The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

RSV Romans 8:9 But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Any one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

RSV Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

RSV Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

RSV Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

RSV Acts 22:16 And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'

RSV Matthew 26:28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

RSV Revelation 3:16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth.

RSV 1 Corinthians 2:12-14

12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

13 And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who possess the Spirit. 14 The unspiritual man does not receive the gifts of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

RSV Psalms 91:9-11

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your habitation,

10 no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

11 For he will give his angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways.

RSV Isaiah 49:2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

RSV Jeremiah 50:14-15

14 Set yourselves in array against Babylon round about, all you that bend the bow; shoot at her, spare no arrows, for she has sinned against the Lord.

15 Raise a shout against her round about, she has surrendered; her bulwarks have fallen, her walls are thrown down. For this is the vengeance of the Lord: take vengeance on her, do to her as she has done.