

SUMMER TERM 2024

THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS
'THE CONFIDENT CHRISTIAN LIFE'

WEEK FOURTEEN –

'CONFIDENT IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE'

(6:10-24)

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2 FROM THE ENDS OF THE EARTH I CALL TO YOU, I CALL AS MY HEART GROWS FAINT; LEAD ME TO THE ROCK THAT IS HIGHER THAN I.

3 FOR YOU HAVE BEEN MY REFUGE, A STRONG TOWER AGAINST THE FOE.

4 I LONG TO DWELL IN YOUR TENT FOR EVER AND TAKE REFUGE IN THE SHELTER OF YOUR WINGS.

PSALM 61

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THE NAME OF THE LORD IS A FORTIFIED TOWER;
THE RIGHTEOUS RUN TO IT AND ARE SAFE.

PROVERBS 18:10

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SINCE, THEN, YOU HAVE BEEN RAISED WITH CHRIST, SET YOUR HEARTS ON THINGS ABOVE, WHERE CHRIST IS, SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD. ² SET YOUR MINDS ON THINGS ABOVE, NOT ON EARTHLY THINGS. ³ FOR YOU DIED, AND YOUR LIFE IS NOW HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD. ⁴ WHEN CHRIST, WHO IS YOUR LIFE, APPEARS, THEN YOU ALSO WILL APPEAR WITH HIM IN GLORY.

COLOSSIANS 3

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13 FOR SUCH PEOPLE ARE FALSE APOSTLES, DECEITFUL WORKERS, MASQUERADING AS APOSTLES OF CHRIST. **14** AND NO WONDER, FOR SATAN HIMSELF MASQUERADES AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT.

2 CORINTHIANS 11

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14 ALEXANDER THE METALWORKER DID ME A GREAT DEAL OF HARM. THE LORD WILL REPAY HIM FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE. **15** YOU TOO SHOULD BE ON YOUR GUARD AGAINST HIM, BECAUSE HE STRONGLY OPPOSED OUR MESSAGE.

2 TIMOTHY 4

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13 ... GOD PROVIDES FULL BODY ARMOUR FOR ALL HIS TROOPS, SO THAT WE CAN STAND OUR GROUND AGAINST THE ENEMY'S ASSAULT. WEAR IT DAILY AND YOU'LL STILL BE STANDING WHATEVER HE THROWS AT YOU. **14** BE A SOLDIER, THEN, PUT YOUR ARMOUR ON AND HOLD YOUR GROUND.

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FIRST, TRUTH – STRAP IT ON TIGHT! KNOWING THAT JESUS HAS SET YOU RIGHT WITH GOD WILL PROTECT YOUR HEART BETTER THAN ANY BULLET-PROOF VEST. **15** NEXT, GET YOUR MARCHING BOOTS ON – YOU'RE GOING ON PATROL TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF PEACE WITH GOD.

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16 YOUR UNSHAKEABLE FAITH IN JESUS WILL BE A SHIELD AGAINST WHICH THE ENEMY'S WEAPONS WILL SHATTER LIKE MATCHWOOD. 17 KNOWING YOU'RE SAFE FOR ALL ETERNITY WILL BE YOUR HELMET, PROTECTING YOUR MIND AGAINST THE ENEMY'S LIES. THE WORD OF GOD WILL BE YOUR SWORD, WHICH THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL TRAIN YOU TO USE. GO ON THE ATTACK WITH IT, CARVING OPEN THE LIES AND DECEIT OF THE ENEMY, JUST AS JESUS DID WHEN HE WAS TEMPTED.

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18 PRAYER IS A DUET WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, SO TUNE YOURSELF TO HIM AND HE WILL LEAD AND INSPIRE YOUR PRAYERS. PRACTISE UNTIL PRAYING BECOMES SECOND NATURE, AND KEEP IT FRESH WITH VARIETY. NO SOLDIER CAN AFFORD TO FALL ASLEEP ON DUTY, SO STAY FOCUSED AND PRAY FOR YOUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS ALL THE TIME.

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WE FIGHT NOT **FOR** VICTORY
– BUT **FROM His** VICTORY

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TRUTH

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JESUS ANSWERED, 'I AM THE WAY
AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.

JOHN 14:6

'... THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE.'

JOHN 8:32

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RIGHTEOUSNESS

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... NOT HAVING A RIGHTEOUSNESS
OF MY OWN THAT COMES FROM THE
LAW, BUT THAT WHICH IS THROUGH
FAITH IN CHRIST – THE
RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT COMES FROM
GOD ON THE BASIS OF FAITH.

PHILIPPIANS 3

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GOSPEL

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FAITH

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HELMET

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WORD

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RESISTING
REMOVING
GATHERING

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