

**Spiritual Warfare**  
**The Believer's Battle**  
**Overview of Ephesians**

Eph 1:3 – Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Eph 1:18-21 – <sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, <sup>19</sup> and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Eph 2:6 – And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

Eph 3:8-11 – <sup>8</sup> Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. <sup>10</sup> His intent was that now, through the Church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup> according to His eternal purpose that He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Eph 6:10-12 – <sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Heavenly realms are as real as earthly realms. They are the unseen world of spiritual reality. (John Stott)

Recommended Reading: *Fervent*, Priscilla Shirer      *The Invisible War*, Chip Ingram

1. The world is not a playground, it is a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Phrases like IN CHRIST appear more than 40 times in Ephesians. You are a child of God, and you have no reason to fear our defeated enemy the devil.
3. You are not fighting for victory, you are fighting \_\_\_\_\_ victory. (Chip Ingram)
4. Your \_\_\_\_\_ in eternity will proclaim the riches of God's grace.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ will display the multi-faceted wisdom of God.
6. The three-fold battle we face:
  1. The world
  2. Our sin nature
  3. The defeated devil