

You are Soldiers of the Cross!

II Timothy 2:1-4

Introduction: Philippians 2:25 & Philemon 2.

I. You Were Enlisted

A. How did God enlist soldiers in the Bible? - Numbers 1:1-2:34

1. What was the draft age? - Numbers 1:3
2. What were exemptions from military service?
- Deuteronomy 20:5-8

B. How does God enlist soldiers of the cross?

1. When you S_____ your life & are baptized.
2. What are your marching orders? - Matthew 28:19-20
3. What is your exemption from service? - Luke 9:63
4. What needs to be your focus? - v4

II. The Lord Armed You Sufficiently

Ephesians 6:10-18

A. The Lord provided you with His P_____ - v10 & Acts 2:38.

B. What did God arm you with to succeed in spiritual combat?

1. The belt of T_____ - v11.
2. The breastplate of R_____ - v14 & I John 1:9.
3. Ammunition of the G_____ of peace - v15.

4. The shield of F_____ - v16.

5. The helmet of S_____ - v17.

6. The sword of the S_____ - v17.

a. What were the Lord's temptations?
- Matthew 4:1-11

b. Deuteronomy 8:3; 6:16 & 13.

7. The communication link of P_____ - v18.

III. The Lord Gives Assurance of Victory

A. God's assurance in the Bible - Matthew 16:15-18.

1. Peter = _____.

2. Rock = _____.

3. What is the church built upon?

4. What's the verbal picture here?

B. Evidence of the Lord's hand in the Bible - Joshua 6:12-21.

C. Evidence of the Lord's hand in modern combat.

1. The Battle of M_____ (June 1942).

2. The Battle of the B_____ (December 1944).

D. Conclusion: I Timothy 6:12 & Matthew 25:21.

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