



Sunday Morning Sermon *by Ray Reynolds (5-20-18)*

Introduction: The calendar reveals that today is the day of Pentecost. A little more than 2000 years ago something amazing happened on this day (**Acts 2:1-4**). Satan worked hard to distract the disciples from their mission, but God had other plans. The establishment of the church, and the fulfillment of the great commission, is a declaration of war against our enemy. Anyone who chooses to come into the kingdom of God is a willing participant in this spiritual warfare. What does it mean to declare war? I want us to see four things today...

Discussion:

#1 – Our Enemy is the Devil & His Demons

John 8:44, 12:31

Acts 5:3, 10:38, 26:18

II Corinthians 2:11, 4:4, 11:3, 14-15

I Timothy 4:1

I Peter 5:8

I John 3:8, 5:19

#2 – Our Commander is the Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 6:13

I Corinthians 10:13

Ephesians 4:27

Colossians 1:13

I Thessalonians 5:6-7

James 4:7

I Peter 5:8-9

I John 3:8, 4:4

#3 – Our Declaration of War is Our Baptism

Matthew 4:1-11

John 3:1-21, 17:1-26

Acts 2:38-39

Romans 8:4, 9, 13, 16, 12:1-2

Ephesians 6:10-20

Jude 9

#4 – Our Allies Are The Church Family

Acts 2:47, 3:12, 4:1-2, 21, 32-35, 5:12, 6:8, 11:24

Ephesians 6:10-20

I Timothy 1:18, 6:12

II Timothy 4:6-8

Conclusion: We have choices. We can choose not to fight, we can choose to fight each other, we can wait until the fight comes to us, OR we can put on the full armor of God. We need to choose to stand beside our brothers and sisters in Christ, be full of the Holy Spirit of God, and attack our One true enemy. We are in the trenches! Now is not the time to quit! Have you declared war on your enemy? Are you on the battle lines? Do you need first aid? Let's fight the good fight of faith together!

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