Identifying Our Enemy

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Preparing for Battle! / Christian Life; Church / Ephesians 6:12 In Eph 6:12, Paul expresses three sobering truths which help us pinpoint the reality of our

enemy and the authenticity of our struggle against him:

- 1. Satan is Unquestionably Real
- 2. Satan is Undoubtedly Restrained
- 3. Satan is Undeniably Reprehensible

Pre-sermon Comments

Why is it crucial to be able to rightly identify our enemy?

Introduction to our Text

Explain from <u>Ephesians 2:1-3</u> the nature of the unbeliever's slavery to this current world system.

Explain from Ephesians 2:4-6, all that God has accomplished for the believer.

Why is it critical to understand the nature of who we were versus who we are in Christ?

Review

Explain in your own words how <u>Ephesians 4:27</u> (and do not give the devil an opportunity) fits with our current passage in <u>Ephesians 6:10-20</u>.

From <u>1 Cor 3:1-3</u>, explain how the Corinthian church was struggling and why their struggle gives the devil an opportunity.

From Eph 4:28-32, give some ways we can avoid giving the devil an opportunity.

(Review) Placing your Confidence in the Right Source (6:10)

In what ways do you rely on your own strength?

What can you do to change from reliance on self to reliance on the Lord's strength?

(Review) Putting your Trust in the Required Resources (6:11)

From <u>Ephesians 6:14-17</u>, what does Paul say are the right resources for the Christian life?

(Review) Pinpointing the Reality of the Enemy (6:12)

Explain in your own words why it's critical for the church to recognize the reality of our enemy?

Satan is Unquestionably Real!

Give two ways we can know that Satan is real.

Give three biblical references to Satan.

Give two or three names for Satan. How do they describe him?

Satan is Undoubtedly Restrained

Using scripture briefly describe the structure of the demonic realm.

If Satan rules this world, how can we say that God rules over all things?

Give and explain a biblical example of God restraining Satan.

How does God use Satan for His purposes? Give a biblical example.

Satan is Undeniably Reprehensible

Give five lies Satan uses to deceive people including Christians.