



What power do we really have to fight the enemy? We have learned about the schemes of the enemy, and the armor that God gives us to stand against the enemy, but what is it that gives us the power to stand? This week we learn how the power of the Spirit and the name of Jesus is where we find this power.

Read *Ephesians 6:18-19*

Paul makes 4 “all” statements in this passage. What do you think it looks like to “pray at all times”? What does that practically look like?

What do you think it looks like to “pray in all variety”?

What do you think it means to pray “with all perseverance”?

In what ways can we pray for “all the saints”?

Prayer is sometimes called the “7th piece of armor”. What do you think it means to truly pray “in the Spirit”?

Read *Romans 8:26-27*

Does this picture of prayer that Paul presents line up with our modern practice of prayer? In what ways could we grow to “pray in the Spirit”?

In the Scriptures, Jesus gave His authority to His followers. Ephesians 1:21-23 tells us the authority of Jesus is “...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. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”

Read John 14:12

Knowing how incredible the authority and name of Jesus is, what implications do the words of Jesus to His disciples in John 14 have for us as His followers?

Prayer

Father, we thank you that we get to pray in the name of Jesus. We thank you we get to pray in the power of the Spirit. We thank you that we get to pray that Your Kingdom would come, and Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Help us to refuse to rely on our own power. Help us to rely only on Your power. May we be the people You have called us to be for the sake of Your Kingdom. In the powerful name of Jesus I pray, Amen.