


THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE

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The session will start in a few minutes at 6pm



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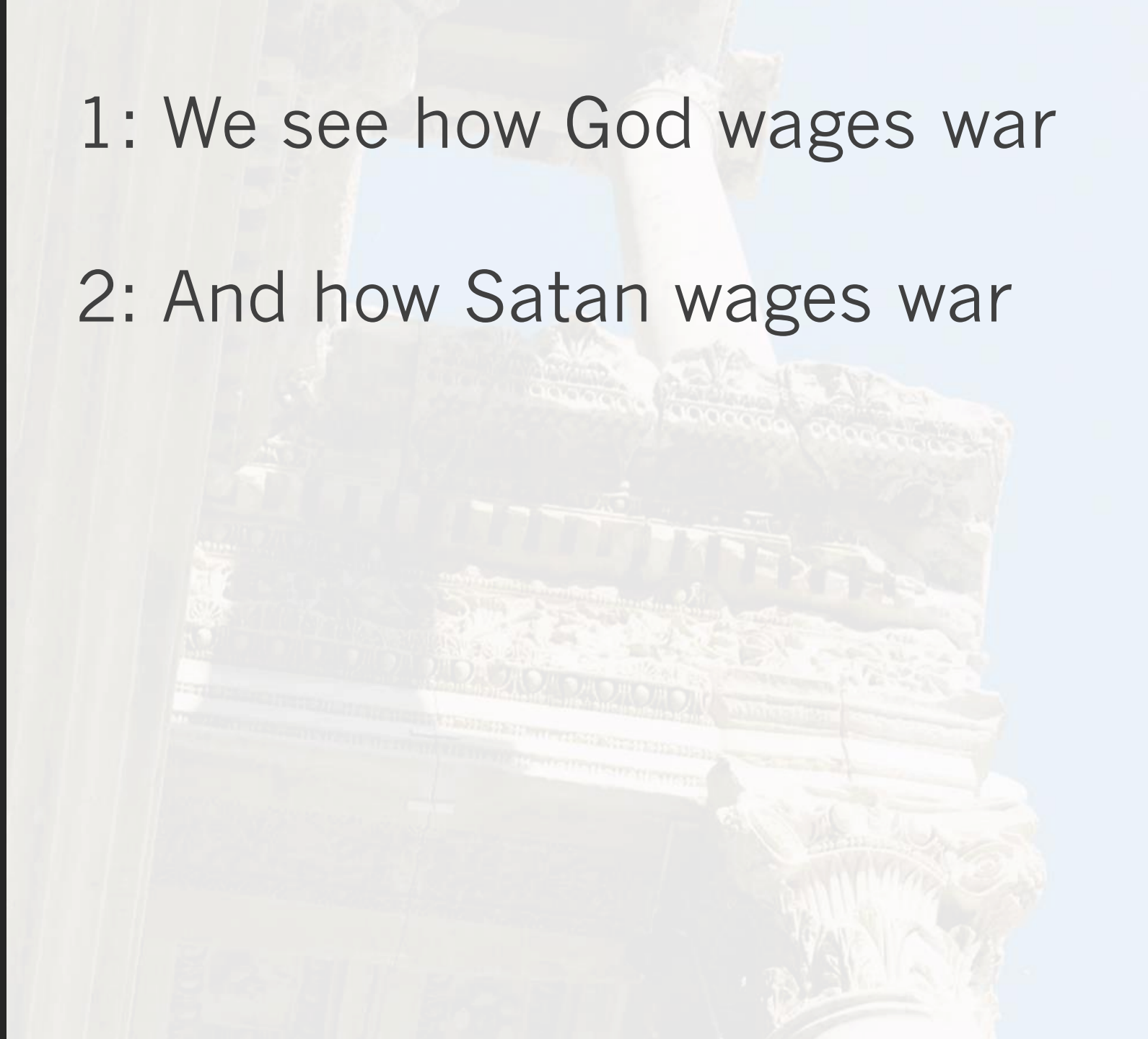
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ACTS 19

THIS IS A SNAPSHOT OF THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE

- 1: We see how God wages war
- 2: And how Satan wages war

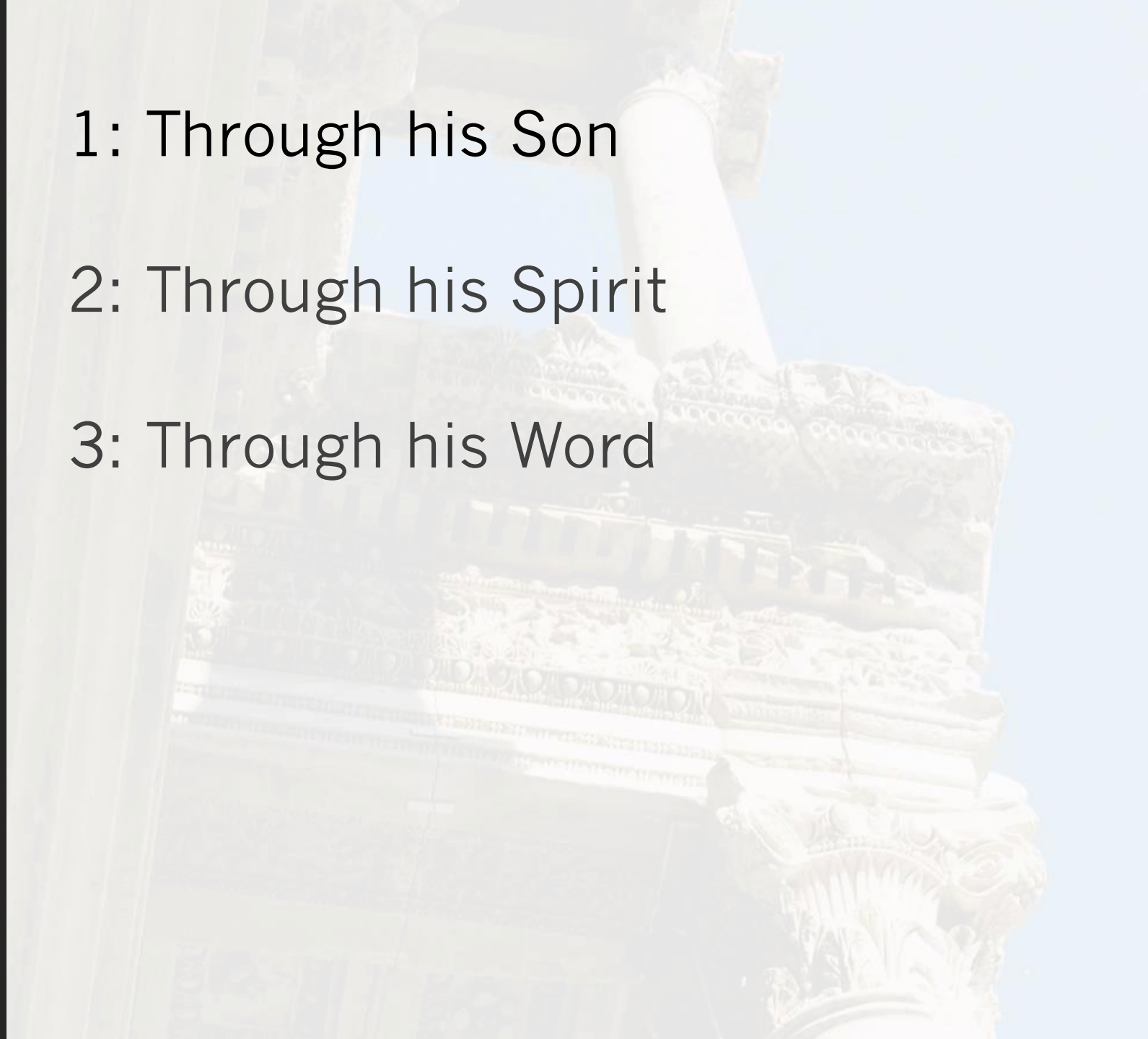


HOW SATAN WAGES WAR

- 1: The roaring lion
- 2: The performing lion
- 3: The angel of light
- 4: The puppet master

HOW GOD WAGES WAR

- 1: Through his Son
- 2: Through his Spirit
- 3: Through his Word





4. THROUGH HIS PEOPLE

GOD NEEDS
NO HELP
BUT HE
LOVES TO
USE HIS
PEOPLE

Rooted in Creation

Paul, Priscilla, Aquilla, Apollos

*For we are God's workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus to do good
works, which God prepared in
advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10*

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It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fulness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13

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*Therefore, we are ambassadors for
Christ, God making his appeal
through us. We implore you on behalf
of Christ, be reconciled to God.
2Cor 5:20*

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You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Mat 5:14-16

WONDERFUL AND DISTURBING

Satan is on rampage

God has answer

It is you.

For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task? 2Cor 2:15-16





SO KNOW THE POWER OF YOUR LIFE

Your life is the water that floats the boat.

Without you living out your faith our church is in dry dock

And we are going nowhere.

You matter.



SO WHAT DO I DO?

BE IN CHRIST

Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² 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 . . .

BE IN CHRIST

¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled round your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Eph 6:11-17)



BE IN CHRIST

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

BE IN CHRIST

⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:1-5)

BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **be filled with the Spirit.***¹⁹ *Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,*²⁰ *always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Eph 5:18-20)*

BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

*I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,¹⁸ may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may *be filled to the measure of all the fulness of God.* (Eph 3:16-19)*

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³⁰ *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.* ³¹ *Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.* ³² *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. (Eph 4:22-32)*

SPREAD THE WORD

Be a Good Listener

- Listen more than you talk.
- Be interested in people.
- Ask about other people's beliefs and experiences. Always listen appreciatively and sympathetically.

SPREAD THE WORD

Be Transparent

- Talk about your own experiences of faith and church.
- Offer to pray regularly for a friend, neighbour, or colleague who is facing a challenging situation.

SPREAD THE WORD

Be Transparent

- Mix up believers and unbelievers in your social gatherings and activities.
- Invite friends to church events where they'll see the fellowship and hear the gospel explained.

SPREAD THE WORD

Tell your story

- Be willing to share how your faith helps you in life's challenges - giving you strength or freeing you to forgive.
- Be ready to share some aspect of your own spiritual journey.

SPREAD THE WORD

Read with others

- When interest is shown a good next step is to offer to read a part of the Bible together.
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the Word one to one

BOOK ONE

One to one studies
through the
Gospel of John,
chapter 1

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daily prayer

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SPREAD THE WORD

When the time comes

- Share the gospel simply and briefly
- Don't pressure anyone, but lay out how to become a Christian and give them the opportunity to respond.



THE LAST WORD FOR TONIGHT

HOW GOD WAGES WAR


1: Through his Son

2: Through his Spirit

3: Through his Word

4: Through his people

At the same time!



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