

“What’s the Point?”

Why bother with Christianity, the church, and the difference it makes

10/16	The Good News is Actually Good News
10/23	The Battle is Real, so is the Victory
10/30	There is a Hope Beyond the Grave (ALL SAINTS DAY)
10/6	Worship is not optional but is an Amazing Privilege (PERSECUTED CHURCH SUNDAY)
10/13	The Good, the Bad, the Ugly and the Saintly, the Sinner, and the Church
10/20	Being Grateful for what the Lord has Done

Intro:

- **Hairy Scary and Amityville Horror**
- **Underestimating / Overestimating our Spiritual opponent**
 - Underestimate (non-existence, symbolic, minimize power)
 - Overestimate (Dualism, same attributes as God)
- **Be Alert but not Afraid**
 - Our God is Greater
 - Our God is in us and For us (1 Jn 4:4, Rom 16:20)
- I. **The Struggle is Real (Vs 10)**
 - There is more going on than we can see (2 Kings 6:15-16, Dan 10:12-14, Lk 22:31-32)
 - We Need to be Ready because we can't avoid the fight. (vs 13)
 - First step is to be grounded in Christ
 - Both Relationship and intentional pursuit and surrender (Jms 4:7)
 - Take your stand
 - Military concept of holding your ground
 - “Hypermore”
 - Example of Jesus
 - Take your stand against the Devil’s schemes
 - Lies, deception, enticement (Gen 3, 1 Cor 10:3-5)
- II. **Who is the True Enemy (vs 12)**
 - Evil must be confronted and stopped
 - Evil to be defeated vs. Victim to be rescued and redeemed
- III. **Be Ready by Being Covered (vs 13-18)**
 - Belt of Truth (Christian Doctrine & our honesty)
 - Breastplate of Righteousness (1 Corinthians 1:30; Philipians 3:9, Zech 3:1-4)
 - Impute/Impart
 - Shoes fitted for the Gospel of Peace (Isaiah 52:7; Romans 10:15)
 - Shield of Faith (Individual and connective)
 - Helmet of Salvation (Knowing who we are and Who’s we are)...
 - Sword of Spirit (The proclaimed message of Jesus) (Romans 10:17)
 - PRAYER (Relying on God’s strength for everything else)

