

HOPE DEALERS

OUR HOPE IS FOUND IN WEARING GOD'S UNIFORM

Pastor Derwin L. Gray – May 29, 2016

1. Open in prayer.
2. Pastor Derwin said, "You will win the STRUGGLE because your hope is found in God's mighty power!" Read Ephesians 6:10.
 - What does it mean to be "strong in the Lord and His mighty power"?
3. In order for you to win the struggle, you must put on God's uniform. Read Ephesians 6:10-13.
 - a. What does it mean to put on God's armor or uniform?
 - b. When the scripture says, "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" what does this mean for us?
4. Pastor Derwin said to, by faith, put on the armor of God:
 - a. The Belt of Truth (Read Ephesians 6:14a)
 - The Belt of Truth is truth concerning Jesus' accomplishments on behalf of humanity through His life, death, resurrection, ascension, and sending of the Spirit to build His church.
 - How does wearing the Belt of Truth apply to your life?
 - b. The Breastplate of Righteousness (Read Ephesians 6:14b)
 - This has a double meaning. We are declared as righteous as Jesus because we are incorporated into Him (Romans 3:20-21) and through the Spirit's power we are able to live righteous, Upward, Inward, Outward lives (Galatians 5:2-23).
 - How does wearing the Breastplate of Righteousness apply to your life?
 - c. Gospel Shoes (Read Ephesians 6:15)
 - The Gospel of peace is an announcement to the world that the sacrifice and blood of Jesus has reconciled humanity upward to God. We move from enemies of God to family and friends of God (Read Romans 5:9-11). And ethnically diverse people become brothers and sisters in Christ (Read Ephesians 2:14-16 to see what the Apostle Paul means by "Peace").
 - What are the implications of putting on Gospel Shoes?
 - d. The Shield of Faith (Read Ephesians 6:16)
 - To put on the shield of faith means that we interpret life through the accomplishments of Jesus on our behalf. Faith does not mean we get what we want. Having faith means God gets what He wants for us, which is being transformed into the image of Jesus.
 - What are the implications of using the Shield of Faith in your life?
 - e. The Helmet of Salvation and the Sword of the Spirit (Read Ephesians 6:17)

- Our minds must be filled and soaked with Jesus and how He lived the life we couldn't, how He died the death we should have, and how He rose again and was made alive so we could become His Church on earth to bringing Him glory by showing the world what genuine humanity looks like!
- What are the implications of wearing the Helmet of Salvation and utilizing the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God?

f. In order for you to win the struggle, pray for God's multiethnic church (which Paul calls the "Mystery of Christ") to be realized. Read Ephesians 6:18-20 and Ephesians 3:6-7.

- What do you think of this? Do you see why what God is doing at TC is so important?

5. **Soul-tattoo:** Get in the game and help build TC!

- Purchase and share, *The High Definition Leader: Building Multiethnic Churches in a Multiethnic World* with those who desire to see their local churches reflect the Kingdom of God.

6. Close in prayer that TC as a family would wear God's uniform and be Hope Dealers!