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**Just Thinking:**

You have to wonder with all of the evidence being presented, how people cannot see the Truth. How two people looking at the exact same facts can come to opposite conclusions.

*“For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished” (2 Pet 3:5).*

The original Greek for willingly is the-lontas. Clark renders it like this. “For this they willingly are ignorant of? They shut their eyes against the light, and refuse all evidence; what does not answer their purpose? They will not know. And the apostle refers to a fact and “that militates against their hypothesis, with which they refused to acquaint themselves; and their ignorance he attributes to their unwillingness to learn the true state of the case.”

Willful ignorance. The refusal to know or acknowledge anything that does not agree with my purpose or will and ignoring all evidence to the contrary.

We see this in all aspects of our society including religion and politics. Ignoring

**Fight the good Fight of Faith 2021**

## Fight the good Fight of Faith

### Part 2

*“Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the **good confession** (Baptism) in the presence of many witnesses” (1 Tim 6:12).*

#### “The good fight”

The word good is not agathos, referring to intrinsic goodness, but kalos, speaking of goodness as seen from the outside by a spectator. Paul, writing to Timothy just before his martyrdom, says, The desperate, straining, agonizing contest, marked by its beauty of technique is the description of the Battle. Paul refers to the beautiful technique inspired by the Holy Spirit. The constant engaging in the contest marked by its beauty of technique.

I have watched the technique of athletes in basketball games, in baseball, hockey, and football. These techniques were acquired through countless hours of practice.

#### “Of Faith”

In this passage the word faith is preceded by the definite article “the”, otherwise “the faith”. It is not faith in general, but the complete teachings of the Church.

#### “Lay hold of”

It means to seize upon, take possession of. The act of fighting the good fight is the same act as seen in the words, “laying hold of”. The verb refers to a single act, not a process. While on earth we can, by faith, lay hold of our eternal life. There is not any force that can loosen our grip. Nothing can take us out of the hand of God. But we can decide to remove ourselves from His hand. Satan cannot!

#### “The good confession”

This is to say, “to say the same thing” or in agreement with another. Paul was emphasizing that Timothy should be saying what he was saying. At his baptismal he confirmed that he believed the fundamental doctrines of the church before many witnesses.

#### The “good fight includes”:

*“We are **afflicted** in every way, but not crushed* (wrestling). The overpowering strength of our opponent has caused us to back up, step sideways, lurching one way or another, but we have avoided a take down;

***Perplexed, but not despairing*** (opponents skill); The word perplexed carries the meaning of having a problem without any resource of answers, thus we must wait on the Lord. “Wait” on the Lord means twisting ourselves around God;

***Persecuted, but not forsaken** (pursued)*, or when we feel the breath of our opponent in a race, don’t weaken but focus on the finish line. Press on even though your body is crying out to stop, keep pressing on toward the finish line. Forget what is behind, the failures, heartaches, disappointments, and reach forward with outstretched hands for the goal.

***Struck down, but not destroyed*** (wrestling) (2 Cor 4:8-10). This in when your opponent has thrown you to the ground, but it is not over until the referee strikes the ground three times.

The conclusion of this age is marked by a tremendous battle, both in the natural and spiritual. God is going to intervene in the affairs of nations, forcing them to do things they do not want to do, in order that the word of God can be fulfilled. He will put hooks into their jaws and draw them into battle. These events will coincide with *“preaching the gospel into all the world and then the end shall come. Mat 24:15.*





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obvious truth to satisfy and gratify our own desires. It is amazing how far people will go in acting against truth and common sense to get things their way. And, arguing all the way that they are right even when it is obvious they are not.

It is not easy to lay aside our own reasonings, desires, fears and biases to acknowledge and do the truth. It can cost us friends, position and wealth. It can bring on us persecution and conflict.

Jesus said "You will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free". But, if people refuse to hear or even know the Truth they are slaves to the lie.

Please read 2 Thess 2:8.

**Acknowledge anything in our hearts and lives that is contrary to His Truth. And Love The Truth with all our hearts and minds. It will keep you and deliver you in these evil times in which we live.**

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"The LORD will fight for you while you keep silent" (Ex 14:14). Otherwise, God is fighting for you behind the scenes. So be silent or wait on the Lord. In the context of the verse, Moses is facing the Red Sea not knowing how to go forward, surely he is perplexed by the problem, the Egyptian army behind him, and the Red Sea in front of him. Moses did not realize God was working behind the scenes. He was preparing a strong east wind, and was providing a rear guard for the people.

King Johoshaphat was being threatened by a strong army, and did not know what to do. He cried out to God and spelled out his dilemma. God said, "you need not fight in this battle; station yourselves, stand and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not fear or be dismayed tomorrow go out and face them, for the Lord is with you" (2 Chr 20:17).

*"In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.*

*"Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the **dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy**" (Dan 2:44-45).*

History verifies there has been four world empires; Babylon, Media—Persia, Greece and Rome. Daniel also saw a fifth world empire, the kingdom of God. He described it a divine stone striking the metallic man and crushing it. That must be the kingdom of God that came upon the 120 in the form of the Holy Spirit.

If the prophecy of Daniel is correct, there is not another world kingdom to fear. We are citizens of the Kingdom of God and it will never be destroyed.

**Enter the battle with good techniques and lay hold of your purpose!**

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing" (2 Tim 4:7-8).*

In the near future the battle will be over and we will enter the peace of the Lord. What a day that will be. Jesus will come in the midst of flashing light, the shout of the Lord will be heard, those that are in the graves will rise, the righteous will be caught up to meet Him in the air and forever we will be with the Lord.

At the moment the devil is enraged with the church, but in the near future he will be cast into the Lake of fire, along with death and hell. Hallelujah! Then the battle of the ages is over!



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