

Summer in the Secret Place

Dealing with the Enemy at the Gate

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Revelation 12:10 (NIV84)

10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

The Accuser makes the following accusations:

- 1.) He accuses God to Us
- 2.) He accuses us to God
- 3.) He accuses us to each other
- 4.) He accuses us to ourselves

- Take time to confess and repent

1 John 1:9 (NIV84)

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Luke 24:46–47 (NIV84)

46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

- Remind yourself (and the devil) about the Blood

Ephesians 1:7 (NIV84)

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

Colossians 1:20 (NIV84)

20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

- Get dressed in God's Armor

Ephesians 6:11–18

11 Put on the full armor 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. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around 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. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Church Announcements:

1. **School Supplies FUNDS Drive, Aug 5 – 26.** LightHouse is collecting funds for a School Supplies Drive from August 5th to 26th. The funds will go to purchase gift cards & school supplies that will be distributed to various schools in the Gloucester area.
2. **Verge Youth Missions Trip to Mexico.** Please pray for all the workers going to Puebla, Mexico from August 4-11. The team will be doing children and youth ministry in a VBS format for 4-5 days. They will also be operating a medical clinic at the same location from morning through evening.
3. **Girls Ministries Honor Ceremony.** Saturday, August 11th at 6 p.m., LightHouse will have the Girls Ministries Honor Ceremony in the Family Life Center to celebrate the girls' achievements in Rainbows, Daisies, Prims, Stars & Friends classes.