

## ASCK MIDWEEK SERVICE

06/07/16

Theme: SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Topic: WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST

### (A) INTRODUCTION.

We were all enrolled into combat at baptism, against the World, the Flesh and the Devil. The Church militant. We fight under the banner of Christ. We are in constant warfare and there is no ceasefire.

The battle is between two kingdoms. The Kingdom of marvelous light and the kingdom of darkness. You belong to either of the two. There is no neutral ground. Every square inch and split second claimed by the devil, we counterclaim it for God.

There are 1260 promises in the Bible. Note that the time between a promise and its fulfillment is a time of warfare.

### (B) MESSAGE:

Three points to note in regard to who we are in Christ:

#### 1-CHILD OF GOD.

You are a child of the Most High God, the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

(John 1:12)

You are also His/Her Excellency, Christ's Ambassador on earth. (2Cor. 5:20)

\*Do you know who you are and whose you are? (Illustration of the Crested Crane)

#### 2-KNOW YOUR ENEMY

-Ephesians 6:12

-The devil has an organized hierarchical government.

-He is the President and below him, there are rulers who are in charge of territories, authorities, powers and spiritual forces.

The devil knows those who know Christ and those who know about "Christ who Paul preaches" (Acts 19:13-16)

"And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss."

-The devil is SUBTLE. He masquerades as an angle of light.

(2Cor. 11:14)

#### 3-AUTHORITY AND POWER

-Luke 10:19

First to the 72 (Luke 10:1)

Then to the 12 (Matthew 12:1)

And finally to all believers.(Mark 16:17)

When you chase demons out of people, do not send them to the desert. The Arabs live there.

Send them to the Abyss.

When Jesus confronted some legion of demons, they begged Him not to send them to the Abyss. (Luke 8:31) That's where they belong.

Exodus 7:10-12 and 1John 4:4 reveal that the God who is in us (Believers) is greater than the devil that is in the world. Satan is a defeated foe. He is under our feet. (Romans 16:20)

(C ) CONCLUSION:

WEAPONS OF WARFARE

1-Praise (Acts 16:16ff Paul and Silas)

2-Prayer and Fasting (Matthew 17:21) NB. This verse is missing in some versions of the Bible.

3-The Word of God. "It's written." Luke 4

4-The Blood of Jesus. (Rev 12:11)

Also Hebrews 12:24-The blood of Jesus speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. The blood of Abel cried for vengeance from the ground but the blood of Jesus cries out for forgiveness.

To God be the glory!