

*“And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus Our Fellowsoldier, and to the Church in thy house:”
Philemon 1:2 KJV*



Everyone in the military is a “*fellowsoldier*” with all others. There may be a plethora of rank, service, and ability, but fellows, nonetheless. From boot camp to battlefield, all have a camaraderie only soldiers understand. From those who have lost men to those who have lost friends, only veterans understand veterans. The wounded and maimed know war beyond the fear and adrenalin rush of combat. There is no absence of fear in battle! Fear is instinctive, but training and bravery control the power of it. Boot camp must be as harsh as possible to prepare the soldier for the horrors of war. Drill Instructors have the unwelcome responsibility of punishing recruits past the point of fear to reflexive obedience and trust of officers. Sadly, not all officers deserve that trust, and today’s wars are an opportunity for the banking and corporate elite to profiteer from both sides! However, this does give us a better understanding of the relationships believers ought have with one another. Believers are embroiled in deadly conflict! *“Put on the whole Armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but...against spiritual wickedness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on Eternal Life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed.”* There are three kinds of soldiers; living, wounded, and dead! Attitude, training, and obedience determine which. All men are born into the spiritual conflict dead in sin, and must be quickened by Grace through faith, convinced by the Holy Spirit of the Life giving Truth. *“And you hath He quickened (resurrected), who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to...the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.”* The dead can’t fight! Defeat Satan by bringing the life-giving Light of the Gospel to those *“dead in...sin! Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to EVERY creature.”* To whom have you NOT given the Gospel? *“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the Power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth.”* Oppose Satan through the Power of God’s Word! *“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. For it is God (His Word) which worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good Pleasure. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith.”* Soldiers never stop training or fighting and always have each other’s back!

My fellow soldiers, one and all,
Have each enlisted at Christ’s call,
And we will fight til dying breath,
Doth bring us Home in Him to rest! –CGP

Be attentive to anything in your or other believer’s lives creating vulnerability to Satan’s attacks: Specifically, carnal weakness, lust. Fellowship in God’s Word is our strength! These writings are as much for the writer as the reader! Read, study, share and beware! Our Enemy never sleeps!

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (physical), but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the Knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity EVERY THOUGHT to the obedience of Christ (God’s Word).” 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 KJV