

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

DESTROYING THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL

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PART 2: KEEP YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

There are no draftees in the Army of God (Body of Christ), only enlisted men and women who have signed up for eternal service with Jesus Christ, the King of kings!

- ❖ The Body of Christ. **Ephesians 1:15-23**
- ❖ Enlisted (born again). **John 3:3-8; Romans 10:8-13**
- ❖ You are automatically transferred from the Devil's army to the army of the Kingdom of God upon enlistment. **Colossians 1:13-14**
- ❖ Boot camp immediately commences when you arrive into the Kingdom of God. **Hebrews 5:9-14; 12:1-13**

ALL RECRUITS ARE NOT EQUAL

There are only a few men and women that sign up for the U.S. Army and demand to be sent into combat. Before the wars with Iraq were started in the early 1990s and then in 2001 along with the war in Afghanistan, most enlisted people signed up to receive training and get a job or attend college.

Many men and women panicked when combat began and told their officers, *"We did not sign up for war but for our own benefits. We do not want to go to war."*

There are also some men who become members of the American elite combat forces; they are highly motivated and will obey all orders and push unto death during their training period. Those are the men that make up the Green Berets, Army Rangers, Delta Force, Navy Seals, Seabees and the aviators who fly the combat aircraft.

THE ARMY OF KING JESUS

The same conditions hold true for the men, women and children who sign up to serve in the Army of King Jesus.

- ❖ Some are signing up because they do not want to end up in hell.
- ❖ Others sign up because they are pursuing a future spouse who is a Christian.
- ❖ Some sign up because they are lonely and love the fellowship in the Army of King Jesus.
- ❖ Some sign up because they want the recognition in the community of being a soldier in the Army of King Jesus.
- ❖ Some sign up simply because their friends did.



- ❖ But then you have those who sign up because they love God, are on fire for Jesus and want to start fighting the forces of evil as soon as possible and give it their all.

Jesus has described the recruits who join His army. **Matthew 13:18-23**

LIFE IN BOOT CAMP

In the U.S. Army training there are three objectives to be achieved in each recruit:

1. Teach obedience regardless of circumstances and emotions.
2. Teach them how to kill enemy soldiers.
3. Teach them how to survive combat.

King Jesus has the same program except that Christians are not to kill enemy soldiers; instead, they are to inform them about Jesus, the benefit of belonging to Jesus and pray for their conversion and enlistment in the Army of King Jesus. **Matthew 5:43-48; Romans 12:17-21**

A human army cannot survive unless there is a chain of command and each officer and soldier willingly obeys all orders given to them from their superior officer.

The Army of King Jesus is in shambles because its officers are teaching soldiers that obedience is not important, there are no absolutes, and the Bible can be interpreted in different ways through the many Bible versions existing today. Doctrine is out, emotions are in and the game is to gather as many recruits as possible and increase the flow of money.

The command from King Jesus has been ignored. **John 14:15**

SELECTING YOUR BUDDIES

Once an U.S. Army recruit has finished boot camp and been assigned to a combat unit, the time for games is over and it is now serious business. A soldier who wants to survive his combat tour will make friends with men who are sincere and apply themselves to the rules and training, but most of all, they are willing to build a friendship based upon mutual respect and a desire to survive. As time goes on, a deep friendship is built between men who look after each other in hard combat situations. The same holds true for the Army of King Jesus. But before you start to select your combat buddies, you need to anchor yourself to King Jesus!

KEEP YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

As your king and commander-in-chief, Jesus is the only one that can satisfy your needs, keep you well, protect you from your enemies and feed you in the midst of battle. If you are not anchored in the Jesus, but look at all other recruits, you will be disappointed, dejected and slowly will sink into depression.

Jesus is our shepherd. **Psalm 23:1-6; John 10:7-14**

Jesus is the author of our faith. **Hebrews 12:1-2**

Jesus has the keys of hell and death. **Revelation 1:4-8; 12-18**

Don't focus on your spouse, children, pastor, elders, deacons or any other person in the Body of Christ! Everyone is imperfect (including you) and all of us will fail one another at times. Jesus is the only one who will never fail you! Hebrews 13:5-8

FEW CHRISTIANS ARE WILLING TO OBEY JESUS

Rebellion is in the heart of each human being and is still with us even after we are born again. The human heart is desperately wicked. **Jeremiah 17:9**

When Jesus brought the people out of Egypt, the majority was unthankful and refused to obey. **1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

Don't harden your heart by disobeying the commands of Jesus. **Hebrews 3:6-19**

Select the people you want to walk with; find those who are walking with Jesus and leave the rest alone because they do not want to repent and change their lifestyle and will drag you down into depression. ***Stop looking at them and look at Jesus!* 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; 7:1**

Select your combat buddies in the Army of Jesus and form a local elite fighting force that Jesus can use to destroy the works of the Devil!

Those who do not obey even the smallest command Jesus has given will not be able to survive their combat tour on this earth. **2 Peter 2:10-22**

Do not hang out with them – leave them alone!

IF YOU LOVE ME KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS! JOHN 14-15

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Have you made plans on how to finish your life or are you just drifting?

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?