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Crazy Worms

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When I returned from New Hampshire a couple of years ago (October 17, 2004), I wrote an article titled “Shining the Light.” This article was about the need to send the light of God’s Word because “*the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them*” (2 Cor 4:4). This article was inspired by the art (yes, the art) of catching night crawlers by the shining of a light. This year, we learned about “*crazy worms*” (brethren and friends, I cannot make this stuff up!). It appears that in the state of Massachusetts there are these worms that are larger than regular worms and much more active. My brother-in-law Angel tells me that these worms will wiggle and move on the hook for a long time. He has given them the name “*crazy worms*” because of their tireless fight for life and refusal to give up and die.

The apostle Paul told Timothy (as well as all who will follow Christ) to “***Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life...***” (1 Tim 6:12). Far too many give up early in their Christian walk. Many feel the piercing of the “hooks” of temptation, trials and struggles that will come (2 Tim 3:12) and choose to surrender rather than fight. Many will give up and die (spiritually) without even as much as a slight wiggle of defense. Brethren, we must not give up so easily! Christians must be people of great strength, who tirelessly fight for the cause of Christ.

Let us be encouraged and reminded by Paul through inspiration as we fight the good fight of faith. Consider the following words: “***According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain***” (Phil 1:20-21). “***For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power (“dynamite” FCN) of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek***” (Rom 1:16). “***Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 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 principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints” (Eph 6:10-18).

Brethren, let us be unwilling to quit. Let us be as the “*crazy worms*,” putting on the full armor of God and fighting tirelessly for eternal life, refusing to allow the “hooks” of life to get the best of us! “*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not*” (Gal 6:9).