***The Battle for Your Soul – Sermon Kit 101-1***

Jesus is calling people to enter a race. The race is not easy, but its completion will make every moment of suffering pale as we behold what is in store. Jesus is waiting at the finish line. He will wipe away every tear and present rewards to those who run their race well. We will be home.

The purpose of this sermon kit (**101**) is to introduce the race and the One who starts and finishes it for each person (Heb. 12:2). We want people to know who Jesus is, what Jesus calls them to, what the rewards are, and what the finish looks like. Hopefully, these will motivate positive action in the people to whom you minister.

This kit contains six sermons and the helps that go with them:

101-1 The Battle For Your Soul

101-2 Jesus, The Only Way To God

101-3 The Great Exchange

101-4 Our Identity In Christ

101-5 Our Great Wedding

101-6 Preparing To Finish Well

This section (**101-1; The Battle For Your Soul**) of the kit is based on **Ephesians 6:12**. There is an unseen spiritual war occurring around us at all times. Some are aware of the war; others are not. The battle began when Satan and those who followed him rebelled against the authority of God. The struggle between these unmatched opponents spilled over into God’s creation and His creatures. God wins in the end, but each individual must decide for himself who will win in his life.

There are four recorded times when the unseen war became visible:

1. First Battlefield – in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3)
2. Second Battlefield – in the wilderness (Matt. 4)
3. Third Battlefield – at the cross (John 19)
4. Fourth Battlefield – at the end (Rev. 20)

The teaching sample will examine each of these battles and their ramifications.

There are multiple parts to this sermon kit.

1. Introduction page – explains what is in the kit
2. Sermon note-sheet – a resource for the people to take notes
3. Sermon outline – a resource for the pastor to use
4. Teaching sample – sermon text ideas
5. PowerPoint – graphics for media applications
6. Promotional helps – several resources to help promote the message

All Pastoral Kits resources are free and available to use as you wish within the above guidelines. Make changes that best fit your application, and feel free to make unlimited copies and distribute them as needed. Our prayer is that God will use these resources to prepare people for the soon return of Jesus Christ. Finish Well.