



Sermon Notes: This Means War

1. The adversaries of the battle.

2. The nature of the battle.

3. The weapons of the battle.

4. The cost of the battle.

a. Jesus would bear our sin.

b. Jesus would bear the full weight of our sin's consequences.

5. The outcome of the battle.

- The Righteous One was counted lawless so that sinners could be counted righteous in him.

Gospel Application:

1. You are more sinful than you ever dared believe.

2. You are more loved than you ever dared hope.



Gospel Applications: This Means War

Discuss.

1. What are some battles you face today? What is the nature of these conflicts? (e.g. "My spouse and I fight over our finances. I feel conflict with people who disagree with my stand on social issues.")
2. What are the "weapons" of the battles you listed under #1? What do you use to try to get the upper hand and win these conflicts?
3. What would it look like for you to win the battles you listed under #1? What would you gain by winning? What would someone else lose?
4. Compare and contrast your answers to #1-3 with the spiritual warfare that Jesus wages in our text (and up to the Cross). What do you observe?
5. Read these Old Testament texts that make reference to the cup of God's wrath against sin: *Psalms 11:5-6; 75:8; Isaiah 51:17; Jeremiah 25:15-16*. What's your gut reaction to verses like these? How are these statements at odds with modern/popular views of sin and judgment?
6. In your own words, why did Jesus drink the cup of God's wrath?
7. *You are more sinful than you ever dared believe*. So what? What are the implications of this harsh reality for the way you'll live this week?
8. *You are more loved than you ever dared hope*. So what? What are the implications of this beautiful reality for the way you'll live this week?

Pray.

1. Ask God to show you the dark depravity of your sin – both in what you do and in what you fail to do – and the awful consequences that sin deserves. Confess what your sin did to your relationship with God – and what it did to Jesus when he stood in your place at the Cross.
2. Ask God to reveal to you the immensity of His love that was displayed at the Cross. Trust Him to increase your faith and love in response.