**Sermon:** **The Synergy Between God and Man**

Christians need to understand the synergy between God and man. Today we will look at the responsibility of God and the responsibility of man. How does man activate his faith in order for God to create on man’s behalf? Today we will look at the teamwork between God and man. We need to understand we are team player’s with God.

*Synergy-the phenomenon in which the combined action of two or more people is greater than the sum of their effects individually*

**Scriptures:**

**Ephesians 6:10:** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. KJ

**Hebrews 11:6:** But without faith, no one can please God, for whoever is brought near to God must believe that he exists and that he is the rewarder of those who seek him. Aramaic Bible in plain English

**Matthew 11: 22, 23:** 22 And Jesus answered saying to them, “Have faith in God. 23 “Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him. NAS

**2 Corinthians 12:10:** Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong. NAS

**Romans 5:3-5:** 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ESV

**Romans 8: 34-39:** 34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 35 Who will

separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 Just as it is written,

 “FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG;
 WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED.”

37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. NAS

**2 Corinthians 1: 8, 9:** 8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. 9 Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. ESV

Q: How do we develop, or grow up spiritually so that we are strong in the Lord?

A: By putting on the whole armor of God.

**Ephesians 6:11:** Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. KJ

**Ephesians 6: 11:** Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. NAS

 **Ephesians 6: 12, 13:** 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. NKJ

**Ephesians 6: 14- 17:** 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of

righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 **above all**, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; NKJ

Girded with truth **-> John 15: 7:** If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ESV

Breastplate of righteousness -> **2 Corinthians 5:21:** He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. NAS

Feet with the Gospel of peace -> **Psalm 119:105**: Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. NAS

**1 John 1:7:** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. KJ

Shield of faith -> We are to think faith thoughts, and speak faith words. It is an action we perform in our minds; it is the soul realm standing as a shield for what God says.

Helmet of Salvation -> **Ephesians 4:23:** And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; KJ

Sword of the Spirit -> The Word of God

Q: What did Jesus do anytime the devil came against Him?

A: He used the sword of the spirit by speaking to Satan, “It is written” (Read Matthew chp. 4 & Luke chp. 4)