The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ is not meant to be a 'social kindergarten' pandering to the wishes of the congregation, but it is a 'boot camp' preparing us for the battlefield: *"**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**"* Ephesians 6:12-13.

Thank God that this battle has been fought and victoriously won by our Lord Jesus at the Cross: *"**Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He* [the Lord Jesus] *might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil**"* Hebrews 2:14.

As the Apostle Paul testified: *"**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For Thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*

*"**Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors** through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that **neither** death, **nor** life, **nor** angels, **nor** principalities, **nor** powers, **nor** things present, **nor** things to come, **nor** height, **nor** depth, **nor** any other creature, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord**"* Romans 8:35-39.