

Series: The Wealth of Christ the Walk of the Christian

BE STRONG IN THE LORD

EPHESIANS 6:10-12

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Introduction:

“Finally”; the first word of verse 10, indicates that we have reached the last major section of the book of Ephesians. As Paul nears the end of this book, he closes with a final series of admonitions. He challenges his readers to open their eyes to the spiritual warfare in which they are engaged.

He reminds them to be certain that they are on the right foundation, wearing the right spiritual garments, fighting the right enemies, and trusting the right Lord.

We are whether we recognize it or not are always engaged in spiritual warfare.

There is a being called Satan, and he controls and evil kingdom of demonic forces. Satan and his demons are doing all they can to undermine the work of God in the world. They are doing all they can to defeat and

discourage the people of God. They are doing all they can to hinder the church, the body of Christ. They are doing all they can to see that we, the people of God, fail in our mission to live for God and to bring Him glory.

The enemies we face are powerful. The battles we fight are real. The costs of defeat are far higher than we realize.

This passage tells us how to avoid failure, and how to achieve success, in the spiritual battles of life.

Notice the truths found in this passage that speak about the warfare we fight and the Spiritual Power we need, if we are going to be victorious in our Christian walk.

1. THE SOURCE OF OUR STRENGTH (VS. 10)

Ephesians 6:10

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

If we are going to be victorious in the spiritual battles we face, we need spiritual power.

The problem is none of us possess spiritual power within ourselves.

We are weak, frail, fallible, foolish creatures, and we are often on the losing side of the battles of life.

If we hope to achieve victory, we must have true spiritual power.

This verse tells us where that power originates.

Note:

A. Our Strength Comes From a Person – “Be Strong in the Lord”

The word “strong” means “to be empowered; to be strengthened.”

It is the picture of someone who is “weak being made strong.”

- We are weak creatures!
- We are weak emotionally.
- We are weak in the way we think.
- We are weak in our spirits. We are weak when it comes to temptation and sin.
- We are weak in our ability to control our own wills.

- We are simply weak and we need someone to help us.

The strength we need to walk in victory in the battles of life will never come from within ourselves.

The strength we need can only come from the Lord.

This verse says, “be strong in the Lord.”

That means that any spiritual strength we can ever hope to possess must come from Him.

Spiritual power can only be ours through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

B. Our Strength Come From a Provision – “In the Power of His Might”

The word “power” refers to “dominion.” It speaks of the power to “complete and perfect” something.

The word “might” has the idea of “force and strength.” It speaks of someone who possesses “absolute ability.”

These two words describe the kind of power we need if we are going to experience victory in the spiritual battles we face.

We get it by trusting Him, and not ourselves.

If there is to be any spiritual power, any spiritual victory, it must come from Him. It must be given to us by the Lord.

Notice not only “The Source of Our Strength” but also:

2. THE SOURCE OF OUR STABILITY (VS. 11)

Ephesians 6:11

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

Note:

A. How We Are Embattled – “The Wiles of the Devil”

These words identify both our enemy and how he works.

The enemy is the Devil.

The enemy work is described as the wiles, which speaks of scheming tricks.

Remember that he has a plan to trick you.

Note not only how we are “Embattled” but also

B. How We Are Equipped – “The Whole Armor of God”

God has equipped us for the spiritual battles we face by giving us His armor.

This armor is listed for us in verses 14-17.

Every piece of “the armor of God” is designed to protect the people of God from the attacks of the enemy.

The word “armor” refers to the equipment that God has provided for us to wear in the day of battles.

- There is “truth” to wear as a belt.
- There is “righteousness” to protect the heart.
- There are “shoes” to protect the feet.
- There is a “shield” to deflect the arrows of the enemy.
- There is a “helmet” to protect the head.
- There is a “sword” to use to engage the enemy.

All of this has been provided to every believer so that we might walk in victory.

The word “whole” suggests that every piece of “the armor of God” is essential to endure our victory over the enemy.

We can’t “put on” a few pieces and leave a few pieces off and expect to achieve success.

We must wear every piece all the time.

God has equipped us for the battles we face. He has given us everything we need to “stand” against the enemy and to enjoy His victory day by day.

Still, it is up to us wear the armor we have been given, it is up to us to put it on and leave it on.

Remember, our enemy, the devil, desires to take what we have been given.

- He wants our truth
- He wants our doctrine
- He wants our testimony
- He wants our families
- He wants our marriages

- He wants our children
- He wants our spiritual power
- He wants everything the God has given us.

Notice not only “The Source Of Our Strength” and the “Source of Our Stability” but also:

3. THE SOURCE OF OUR STRUGGLES (VS. 12)

Ephesians 6:12

¹² 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.

There are a couple of words in this verse that we should pay special attention to.

Note the word:

- Wrestle

The word “wrestle” is a word used to describe “hand-to-hand combat.”

- For

The word “for” reminds us why we must wear the armor of God if we are to be successful in the battles of life.

Close:

If we are going to be victorious we must “Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.”

If we are going to be victorious we must “Put on the whole armor of God.”

We are no match for the Devil.

We are no match for his demons.

When we stand in Him, He will equip us to stand for Him.