

## Standing Firm in the Lord

Ephesians 6:10-18

Spiritual warfare: is the Christians duty of putting to death what is earthly in them by the strength and might of the Lord through the word of Christ dwelling richly in them, through which the Holy Spirit empowers the Christian to believe and understand God's Holy Word so that it can be obeyed.

Saint

Faithful

In Christ

The "in the Lord" phrase is Paul's common way of referring to our relationship with God made possible through our union with Christ. We are *in* him: covered by his blood, robed in his righteousness, members of his household, sons and daughters, in union with him, beloved. We may dread the exposure of our weaknesses in our battle against sin, but the apostle reminds us that the strength of our relationship with our God is provided by Christ. Because we are in him, we have access to a power that is greater than we.

Chapell, Bryan. 2009. [Ephesians](#). Edited by Richard D. Phillips, Philip Graham Ryken, and Daniel M. Doriani. Reformed Expository Commentary. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing.

Schemes (methodeia): crafty scheming with the intent to deceive

Be strong (endynamousthe): to make someone able; to give capability to; to enable; to strengthen; to empower

Might (ischyos): capability; strength

Finally be strengthened in God's enabling might

Ephesians 6:10-11 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

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Put on (endyō); dress oneself; put on clothes

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May be able (dynamai): can; be able; capable

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Wrestle (pale): to struggle; to fight; hand to hand combat

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Rulers (archē): a supernatural power having some particular role in controlling the destiny and activities of human beings—‘power, authority, lordship, ruler, wicked force.’

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Ephesians 2:1–2 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following **the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

2 Corinthians 4:4 In their case **the god of this world** has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Matthew 4:8–9 Again, **the devil** took him to a very high mountain and **showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.** <sup>9</sup> And he said to him, “All these I will **give you**, if you will fall down and worship me.”

Colossians 2:15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Ephesians 6:13 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 firm.

Withstand (anthistēmi): resist; oppose; rebel; set oneself against

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Ephesians 5:16 making the best use of the time, because **the days are evil.**

You cannot sin to the glory of God; you can only be obedient to the glory of God.

Acts 20:29–30 I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.

John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

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Stand firm (histēmi): To stand fast against an enemy, as opposed to *pheúgō*, to run away

Zodhiates, Spiros. 2000. In [\*The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament\*](#), electronic ed. Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers.

Ephesians 6:14 Stand therefore, having fastened on **the belt of truth**, and having put on **the breastplate of righteousness**,

2 Corinthians 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Ephesians 6:15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by **the gospel of peace.**

1 Thessalonians 5:13 .... Be at peace among yourselves.

Ephesians 6:16 In all circumstances take up **the shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

1 John 5:4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

Ephesians 6:17 and take **the helmet of salvation**, and **the sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God,

Ephesians 6:18 **praying at all times in the Spirit**, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

Keep alert (agrypneō): be alert; keep awake; be on guard

Matthew 26:41 **Watch and pray** that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

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Ephesians 4:22–24 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup> and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:27 and give no opportunity to the devil.