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Spiritual battle in Christ

Ephesians 6:10-24

Ephesians 6:10 ^{NIV}

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.





Calling of the Church

1:1 - 3:21

Conduct of the Church

4:1 - 6:9

Charge of the Church

6:10 - 24



Ephesians 6:10-11 NIV

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.



Ephesians 6:12 ^{NIV}

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.



“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.”

— C. S. Lewis



Our struggle is not against flesh and blood.

The struggle is supernatural.

The struggle is personal.

The struggle can't be won in our own flesh.



Ephesians 6:11, 13-14a ^{NIV}

Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your **stand** against the devil's schemes.

¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to **stand** your ground, and after you have done everything, to **stand**. ¹⁴ **Stand** firm then...



Ephesians 6:13 ^{NIV}

Therefore **put on the full armor of God**, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.



Isaiah 59:15b-17 ^{NIV}

The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice. ¹⁶ He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm achieved salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him. ¹⁷ He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.



Ephesians 6:14-15 ^{NIV}

Stand firm then, with the belt of **truth** buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of **righteousness** in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the **gospel of peace**.



Ephesians 6:16-17 NIV

In addition to all this, take up the shield of **faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of **salvation** and the sword of the Spirit, which is **the word of God**.



Ephesians 6:18-20 NIV

And **pray in the Spirit** on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always **keep on praying** for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹ **Pray** also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. **Pray** that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.



Ephesians 6:21-24 NIV

Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing. ²² I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you. ²³ Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.



**God empowers the church
united to stand our ground
in the spiritual battle.**



