

**Ephesians: God's Amazing Grace**

**Be Strong In The Lord's Grace!**

**Ephesians 6:10-13**

## **We Engage Visible And Invisible Spiritual Forces**

**Colossians 1:16** *For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, **visible and invisible**, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers.*

**(Ephesians 1:18-23)**

**Be Strong In The Lord  
We are Armed and Dangerous!**

**Ephesians 6:10-11** *Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.*

**(1 John 4:4)**

# Jesus Declared

*I will build my Church—I will give you the keys—hell's gates shall not prevail*

**We are a Spirit-Formed Church made up of people:**

1. *...born of the Holy Spirit* (Titus 3:5)
2. *...filled with the Holy Spirit* (Ephesians 5:18-20)
3. *...formed by the Holy Spirit* (2 Corinthians 3:17-4:1)

## **We Are In An Ongoing Battle**

**Ephesians 6:12** *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.*

These spiritual beings have limited power unlike the Lord who has UNLIMITED power!

*Cosmic powers of this present darkness:* spiritual powers that aspire to world control.

*Spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places:* demons' dwelling, planets and stars, from which the demons control the lives of people.

## TAKE UP or PUT ON

**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.*

We are BATTLE READY as we PUT ON the armor and TAKE UP the heart, mind and spirit to fight.

## Communion

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26** *For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; **do this in remembrance of Me.** In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, **you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.***

## **Communion Is A Proclamation**

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When we receive communion, we are to receive it as a  
**“proclamation of our redemption and transformation.”**

## Communion Is A Declaration

**John 6:53** *Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.*

When we receive communion, we are declaring our **interdependence upon Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit!**

