

Ephesians 1:13–14 (ESV)

13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth,
the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him,
were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,
14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we
acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

We are called with purpose and sealed with the guarantor of our inheritance in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:15–18 (ESV)

15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,

16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,

18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

Ephesians 1:19–23 (ESV)

19and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might

20that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

21far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

22And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,

23which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Apostle Paul is encouraging the Ephesians to recognize the calling, purpose, power of Christ in the born-again believer.

It is in this power that we can live in the covenant of marriage reflecting the nature of God.

**It is in the power of our the Lord but how do we have
access to it?**

Ephesians 6:1–4 (ESV)

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

2 “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise),

3 “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:5–7 (ESV)

5Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would

Christ,

6not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God

from the heart,

7rendering service with a good will as to the Lord

and not to man,

Ephesians 6:7–9 (ESV)

7 rendering service with a good will as to the Lord
and not to man,

8 knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he
will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a
bondservant or is free.

9 Masters, do the same to them, and stop your
threatening, knowing that he who is both their
Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no
partiality with him.

Evidently, submission and humility are the attitudes that are key to accomplishing the will of God in our lives but how do we get there?

Ephesians 6:10–12 (ESV)

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

**In Christ, humbly submit to the authority we have
been placed under no matter the time of life...**

Including the Covenant of Marriage

Ephesians 6:13–14 (ESV)

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.

14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

Belt of Truth (Reality)

What is the reality of my marriage?

Where are the strengths and weaknesses?

As revealed through the Holy Spirit and the spouse.

Breastplate of Righteousness (Right and Just)

Ephesians 6:15–17 (ESV)

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

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

17and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

**The Gospel of peace allows us to stand our ground
against the enemy.**

Shield of faith to stop arrows of the enemy.

Temptations, lies, deceit, pain and suffering.

Take the helmet of salvation **and** the sword of the
Spirit

**Know who we are and what we are because we
have gained the mind of Christ.**

Take the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God

We cannot have victory if we remain in a defense posture only; we fight offensively to gain victory.

Ephesians 6:18 (ESV)

18praying 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,...

Praying and standing alert, ready to fight.

Notice he didn't say, "Charge the Gates of Hell!"

Roman soldiers never fought alone.

Roman soldiers moved and fought as one.

Let's apply this lesson of the soldier, to marriage.



**We choose to, put on or take hold of, the whole
Armor of God.**

**Christ is our Commander and the Church
is our Base of Operations.**



Knowing God
in
Marriage