

DELIVER US FROM EVIL

THE FIGHT ON EVERY FRONT

Part 6

“STAND FIRM!”

“Waging War with the Enemy and Walking in Victory”

(Ephesians 6:10-20)

INTRODUCTION:

IF AM GOING TO AVOID BEING A CASUALTY OF THIS MULTI-FRONT WAR, THEN I MUST AFFIRM AND EMBRACE FOUR FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS:

1A. “I AM A _____...” (v. 11a)

- I need to know my _____.

“Put on the full armor of God,…”

“Suffer hardship with me, **as a good soldier of Christ Jesus**. No **soldier in active service** entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who **enlisted him as a soldier.**”

—2 Timothy 2:3, 4

2A. “...IN A _____...” (v. 11b-12)

- I need to know my _____.

“...so that you will be able to stand firm against **the schemes of the devil**. For **our struggle is not against flesh and blood**, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

“...so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for **we are not ignorant of his schemes.**”

—2 Corinthians 2:11

“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. **Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour**. But **resist him, firm in your faith**, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.”

—1 Peter 5:8, 9

"But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ."

—2 Corinthians 11:3

"And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him."

—Revelation 12:9

3A. "...CALLED TO _____ ." (v. 11b, 13b-14a)

- I need to know my _____ .

"...so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil... ^{13b} ...so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.¹⁴ Stand firm therefore,..."

"Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bondslave of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God."

—Colossians 4:12

"Through Silvanus, our faithful brother (for so I regard him), I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!"

—1 Peter 5:12

4A. "...BY HIS _____ ." (v. 10-11a, 13-20)

- I need to know my _____ .

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might."

1B. _____ the proper _____ . (v. 14b-17a)

"Put on the full armor of God,... ¹³ ...take up the full armor of God..."

2B. _____ the provided _____ . (v. 17b)

"...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

3B. _____ the prescribed _____ . (v. 18-20)

"With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit,..."

CONCLUSION: