

Be Strong – To strengthen oneself in the Lord

- Be built up in Christ, (your union with Him) and the Power of His might (His ability in you)
  - Who He is and who you are ; What he has and what he has given you; What He can do and what He has enabled you to do
- The whole armor of God – Same armor He used to defeat Satan **Isa 59:17**
- **Wiles** - methodeia Methods. He ONLY HAS these methods.

The Word of God pulls back the curtain and reveals spiritual realities

1. Greek: archas (G746), principalities, chief rulers or beings of the highest rank and order in Satan's kingdom **Eph 6:12**
  - a. God gave man authority. Satan steals authority from man, and gives it to them **Gen 1:26-31; Heb 2:7-9; Luk 4:5-6**
    - i. Jesus is raised up far above all of them **Eph 1:21;**
    - ii. Jesus is head over them. they are not stronger than Him **Col 2:10**
    - iii. And so ARE WE **Eph 2:5-6 (APPLIES TO ALL OF THEM)**
2. Greek: exousias (G1849), authorities, those who derive their power from and execute the will of the chief rulers **Eph 6:12**
3. Greek: kosmokratoras (G2888), world-rulers of the darkness of this age, the spirit world-rulers that operate through earthly kingdoms (**Dan 10:13-21; Eph 1:21; Eph 6:12; Col 1:16-18**)
4. Greek: pneumatika (G4152) tes (G3588) ponerias (G4189), spiritual wickedness, that of the wicked spirits of Satan in the heavenlies (**Eph 6:12; Eph 1:21; Col 1:16-18**)

God has given us His Weapons and HIS POWER to overcome ALL these beings

- The way we overcome them is by standing FROM our position of victory.
  - Belt of truth - Deception. Gird – To be wrapped in and pulled on tight
    - The Whole World is deceived by these principalities **Rev 12:9**
    - Deception will increase in the last days **2Ti 3:13**
    - God's word IS TRUTH **Joh 17:17**
    - We overcome by staying in the truth of God's Word **Jn 8:31** (Not to fit society)
    - This is the suffering for Christ (hated by all, not ashamed of Jesus, stand when others compromise etc.)
  - Breastplate of Righteousness - Accusation – He accuses you day and night **Rev 12:10.**
    - We are often guilty, but we must realize he has no grounds to accuse us **Rom 8:33-34.**
    - Our righteousness is from God and guards our heart from condemnation **Rom 8:1**
  - Feet shod on the foundation of the Gospel of peace
    - Preparation – The firm foundation or basis on which you stand is peace with God through the Gospel of grace

- Shield of faith – Fiery darts (Temptations) (Shield of faithfulness)
  - We are to hide behind our faith in God and our faithfulness to the message of Christ when Satan hurls his fiery temptations at us. **1Co 10:13-14; Jas 1:13-15; Rom 6:12; 1Jn 2:15-17**
- Helmet of Salvation – Overcoming every thought that contradicts your salvation
  - Notice it is your mind that he attacks with thoughts you are not saved **2Co 10:3-5**
- Sword of the Spirit – the rhema of God
  - The Sword is not the thought Word or the Word in your heart it is the Spoken Word out of your mouth **Heb 4:12; Rev 1:16;**
  - This is how Jesus fights and it is how we are supposed to fight **Rev 2:16; Rev 19:15**
- All kinds of prayers in the Spirit
  - We do our fighting in prayer.
    - Prayer – Worship (It is a weapon)
      - Submission
    - Supplication – Specific request and petition
      - Provision