

EPHESIANS | *Stand Strong*

- Welcome to Ephesians: Stand Strong! We are so excited to share this journey with you!
- You will learn to stand strong for Christ, shining His light for our culture to the praise of our God!
- Ephesians Stand Strong will equip and inspire you to believe who you are in Christ, to pray for others with powerful effect, to walk in light and love, and to resist our enemy.

STAND STRONG ON YOUR
BLESSINGS

Week 1: Ephesians 1:1-14

We must develop a new awareness of who and what we are, as seen through God's word, if we are to manage our thoughts, feelings and actions and bring them under control- bring them into the reality of God's plans for us. Because nothing in life changes until WE change.

EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING

1. I am loved by God even before I did anything good or bad, and ever after.
2. I am chosen by God in Christ.
3. I am God's child, adopted into His family in Christ.
4. I am redeemed by the blood of Christ- set free at a precious price.
5. I am forgiven of my sin and all my sins in Christ- not one will ever count against me.
6. I am showered with wisdom and understanding in Christ.
7. I am informed and knowledgeable about God's plan for the world.
8. I am a co-heir with Christ and my inheritance is secured.
9. I am sealed with the Holy Spirit and belong to God forever.
10. I am filled with hope for the future for He lives in me.

“I know who I am in Christ and I am secure in my position and fully equipped to engage in this battlefield. I KNOW THIS because I was chosen for this mission and am equipped- armed to the teeth- with truth, wisdom, love and grace! Let’s do this!”

WE ARE CHOSEN

- “GOD LOVED US AND CHOSE US IN CHRIST”
 - You can stand strong in the battle because you were chosen by God for this calling. You were not an accident at birth, and you are not accidentally born again either. You are loved and chosen to be in God’s family. You belong here.
 - The Father sought you, the Son bought you, the Spirit brought you into this family. You belong here, so stand strong!

WE HAVE REDEMPTION

- “He purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins” (literally in Greek “we have the redemption through His blood”)
 - If Satan (who is called the accuser of the brethren) keeps letting you hear about your sins, than you keep letting him hear about the highest price ever paid for those sins- the blood of Jesus Christ! We can stand strong because we have REDEMPTION!

WE ARE SEALED

- “He identified you as His own by giving you the Holy Spirit” (in Greek: “believing in Jesus you were sealed with the Spirit”)
- Believing in Jesus fills us with the Spirit, and with the Spirit we are sealed as the real deal, as belonging to God till pickup, and as authorized to do His work. We can stand strong sealed with the Holy Spirit.