

Called Out of Darkness Standing Firm



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1 Peter 5:8-14

⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.



1 Peter 5:8-14

¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

¹² By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. ¹³ She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. ¹⁴ Greet one another with the kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.



1 Peter 5:8

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The most common response I hear from demonized Christians is that they undergo a constant mental bombardment of godless accusations. No matter what they do, it's wrong. No matter how sincere they are about attempting to walk with Jesus, they aren't sincere enough. If they pray, it's incomplete. If they read their bibles, they are too stupid to understand what it means and lack the discipline to obey it anyways, so why try. There is always something left undone, leaving a constant sense of guilt, condemnation, and failure.

Dr. Karl Payne, spiritual Warfare, pg. 181.



Ephesians 6:12

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.



1 Peter 5:9

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1. Stand Firm on your Identity



My Identity in Christ

God has...

Accepted me

Formed me

Adopted me

Indwelt me

Appointed me

Therefore, I am...

Accepted (Rom. 15:7)

Male or Female (Gen. 1:27)

A Child of God (Jn. 1:12)

A Temple of God (1 Cor. 6:19)

An Ambassador (2 Cor. 5:20)



My Identity in Christ

God has...

Justified me

Called me

Liberated me

Cherished me

Loved me

Therefore, I am...

Righteous (Rom. 4:5)

A Saint (1 Cor. 1:2)

Free (Gal. 5:1)

Valued (Matt. 6:26)

Beloved (Rom. 8:38-39)



My Identity in Christ

God has...

Therefore, I am...

Chosen me

Wanted (1 Pet. 2:9)

Naturalized me

A Citizen of Heaven (Phil. 3:20)

Cleansed me

Holy (Eph. 5:25-27)

Placed me

Ethnically Beautiful (Rev. 7:9)

Commissioned me

Empowered (Lk. 9:1-2)



My Identity in Christ

God has...

Redeemed me

Delighted in me

Reconciled me

Forgiven me

Re-created me

Therefore, I am...

God's Possession (Tit. 2:14)

Liked (Zeph. 3:17)

God's Friend (Rom. 5:10)

Forgiven (Eph. 1:7)

A New Creation (2 Cor. 5:17)



2. Stand Firm on your Authority



1 John 4:4

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.



1 Peter 5:10-11

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