

Rooted To Stand Strong

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The reality of the battle:

We have an	who sche	mes against us	Revelat	ion 12:9, 17; 1 Peter 5:8		
- o If we are una	ware of our enemy, v	ve will not be prepa	red to	!		
We are in a	'e are in a with three battle fields:					
- Internal – The			Ephesiai	ns 4:24, Galatians 5:16		
The desire to	sin that remains in u	us after we choose to	o follow Jes	SUS		
				Ephesians 2:1-3		
		s and ways of life em	nbedded in	cultures and		
•				Ephesians 6:11-13		
The attack by	/ demonic spirits pro	jecting subtle thou	ghts, feelin	gs, and temptations		
Followers of Jesus a	are called to					
we stand strong:						
We have a God who	0	in the	e battle. (v. 1	10)		
		and God has give	en us the $_$			
- Put on	af Tay (+ la (+ / 1/)					
•	OF Fruth (V. 14)					
•	of Righteousnes	ss (v. 14)				
•	(v. 15)					
- Take Up						
•	of Faith (v. 16)					
•	of Salvation (v. 1'	7)				
•	of the Spirit (v. 1'	7)				
While we are fighti	ng, we are to be in _	(v. 1	8)	Ephesians 3:14-19		
	- o If we are unated We are in a	- o If we are unaware of our enemy, we are in a	- o If we are unaware of our enemy, we will not be prepa We are in a with three bat - Internal – The ■ The desire to sin that remains in us after we choose to - External – The ■ The systems of worldviews, values and ways of life emsocieties that oppose God - Supernatural – The ■ The attack by demonic spirits projecting subtle thoughtousers of Jesus are called to Followers of Jesus are called to in the Church is a Spiritual and God has given eeded in the fight - Put on ■ of Truth (v. 14) ■ of Righteousness (v. 14) ■ of Faith (v. 16) ■ of Salvation (v. 17) ■ of the Spirit (v. 17)	 The desire to sin that remains in us after we choose to follow Jest External – The		







Ephesians 6:10-20 ESV

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put 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.

¹³Therefore 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. 14Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, 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; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 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, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Memory Verse

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.

Ephesians 6:13 ESV

Recommended Resources:

Who I Am In Christ Handout Using the Spiritual Armor Handout 30 Days to Growing in Your Faith, Spiritual Armor Behind Enemy Lies series

My next step today is to...

- o Memorize Ephesians 6:13
- o Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior for the first time!
- o Spend some time this week working through the Spiritual Armor Handout
- o Read Ephesians 6:10-20 at least two times this week
- o Begin praying about who to invite to Christmas Eve services

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2023-2024 Rooted Prayer Initiative

- Monday Strength and Power in our inner being (Ephesians 3:16)
- Tuesday Christ will dwell in our hearts through faith (Ephesians 3:17)
- Wednesday We will be rooted and grounded in love (Ephesians 3:17)
- Thursday We will know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge (Ephesians 3:19)
- Friday To be filled with all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:19)