

## Standing as One Ephesians 6:10–18

### I. Re-Tracing the Journey - How Paul Has Led Us Here

#### **SIT — Identity (Ephesians 1–3)**

- We are chosen, adopted, redeemed, and sealed in Christ
- God’s mission: unite heaven and earth under Christ (1:10)
- God’s strategy: the church (3:10)
- God’s display: one new humanity
- The church reveals God’s wisdom to rulers and authorities

#### **WALK — Unity (Ephesians 4–early 6)**

- Walk worthy of the calling we have received
- Keep what God has already united
- Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ
- Be filled with the Spirit
- Move from individual faith to corporate formation

#### **Key Insight:**

Unity is not just obedience — it is resistance.

### II. Understanding the War We’re In

- Paul is not preparing us *for* spiritual warfare
- He is revealing what the war actually is
- The church is already part of a cosmic story

#### **Key Question:**

If God has united a people... who would want to tear them apart?

### III. The Reality of the Battle

#### **Ephesians 6:10–18**

- Paul does not say “start fighting”
- He says, “finally... stand”
- The struggle is not against flesh and blood

#### **The enemy is not:**

- Other believers
- Leadership
- Culture
- Generations

#### **The enemy is what seeks to:**

- Divide
- Accuse
- Isolate
- Distort

#### **Why this matters:**

If the enemy can fracture the body, he can obscure the wisdom of God.

#### **IV. Strength Comes From the Lord**

- Paul ends where he began
- Ephesians 6:10 echoes Ephesians 1:19
- The immeasurable greatness of God's power
- Resurrection power already at work in us

#### **Key Truth:**

Standing is not about trying harder.

Standing is about trusting deeper in God's strength.

#### **V. The Armor of God**

##### **Question to Consider:**

When Paul talks about the armor of God, is he describing something God gives us—or something else?

##### **Illustration:**

- Saul's armor on David (awkward, ineffective, not his own)
- A picture of how we often try to live in borrowed strength

#### **VI. Isaiah and the Divine Warrior**

##### **Book of Isaiah**

##### **Isaiah's Message (Big Picture):**

- God confronts sin and injustice
- God promises restoration
- God Himself steps in to save
- A coming Savior will wear righteousness and bring peace

##### **Key Isaiah Passages**

##### **Isaiah 10:34–11:10**

- A shoot from the stump of Jesse
- Righteous judgment and justice for the oppressed
- Righteousness and faithfulness as a belt
- Peace will reign
- The Messiah stands as a banner to the nations

##### **Isaiah 52:6–10**

- God's people will know His name
- Good news of peace and salvation
- The Lord bares His holy arm
- Redemption accomplished by God Himself

##### **Isaiah 59**

- God's arm is not too weak to save
- Sin separates humanity from God
- No one to intercede
- God's own arm brings salvation
- Righteousness as body armor
- Salvation as a helmet

##### **Key Insight:**

The armor is not equipment God hands out. The armor is God's own character and saving work.

## **VII. Paul's Final Charge**

### **Put On Christ**

Christ is:

- Truth
- Our righteousness
- Our peace
- The author and perfecter of our faith
- Our salvation
- The Word of God made flesh

**To put on the armor of God is to put on Christ and stand firm in His work.**

## **VIII. Standing Is Corporate**

Paul never says:

- Run
- Attack
- Win

Paul says:

- **Stand**

And he says it to the **church**, not isolated believers.

### **Key Truth:**

We do not stand alone. We stand together, clothed in Christ.

## **IX. The Final Act of Resistance**

### **Praying in the Spirit**

#### **Ephesians 6:18**

- Pray at all times in the Spirit
- Stay alert
- Persevere
- Intercede for all the saints

Paul invites the church to pray for:

- Knowing Christ
- Seeing clearly what we have in Christ
- Living from resurrection power

## **X. The Pattern of Formation**

- Sit in His love
- Walk worthy of His calling
- Stand in His strength

We do this as members of **one body**.

### **Summary Truth**

**We don't start with what we do.**

**We start with who we are in Christ.**