

Ephesians 6 part two

verse 10

Be Strong

In the Lord (not “for”) - **Position: us in Him**

“in Him” 4x Eph 1, 21x 1 Jn, Jn 15:4-5

every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ (Eph 1:3)

where we are seated (Eph 2:6)

in the Power of His Might - Empowerment (Grace): Him in us (Col 1:27)

“that you may know...exceeding greatness of His power toward us” (Eph 1:19)

“strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man (Eph 3:16)

“able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think according to the power than works in us” (Eph 3:20)

Strength = Abiding in Him and Relying on Him in us

vs Self Reliance (do for Him vs Him do through us)

verses 11-13

Put On the Armor of God to **Stand** against the devil (not people)

Stand (4x) - don't be moved out of your Position of Authority and Power

(1Co 15:57-58) But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable,

We don't have to Win, just Stand in the place of Victory

opportunistic devil looks for vulnerable (1 Pe 5:8) - roars lies (fear)

Standing in Position is a Mindset (2 Cor 10:3-5)

verses 14-18

Armor (7 pieces, Metaphor) - Enable us to Stand (kept Mentally in Position in Him)

Truth: Deception vs Love of Truth (2 Th 2:10)

Righteousness: Imputed (2 Cor 5:21), Pursued (1 Tim 6:11) - Position (Gal 5:16)

Gospel of Peace: Ambassadorial Ministry of Reconciliation (2 Cor 5:18-20)

we don't fight people (vs 12)

Faith: Fiery Darts = Lies? (unbelief)

Salvation: Assurance of Acceptance in the Family of God (Eph 1:5-6)

Word: Sword (Mt 4, Jam 4:7)

Prayer: Always, Persistent (Lk 18:1-8), in the Spirit (1 Cor 14:14-15)

verse 19-20

Paul - Position (Ambassador) and Ministry (Evangelist) regardless of circumstances (Jail).

we aren't kept from Suffering (2 Tim 3:12)

we can be kept from devils

(2Th 3:3) But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.

being Established in Him is what Guards us from the evil one