

Stand: Anchored in Truth

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Ephesians 6:10-18

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

I. TRUTH SUPPORTS EVERYTHING

Ephesians 6:14

14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,

TRUTH IS:

- ROOTED IN GOD HIMSELF

Deuteronomy 32:4

[God] is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

- REVEALED THROUGH HIS WORD

John 17:17

“Sanctify (make holy) them by the truth; your word is truth.”

- EMBODIED IN JESUS CHRIST

John 14:6

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

- APPLIED TO OUR LIVES THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 16:13

“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.”

2. RIGHTEOUSNESS IS A SIGN THAT CHRIST LIVES IN YOU

Ephesians 6:14

14 Stand firm then ... with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Galatians 2:21

I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!”

3. PEACE IS THE RESULT OF THE GOSPEL

Ephesians 6:

14 Stand firm then ... 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Galatians 5:22-23

... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control...

Romans 5:1-2

1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand...

Series Challenge

Read **Ephesians 6:10–18 every day** during the four weeks and pray this prayer...

“Lord, today I choose to stand strong in Your strength. Help me put on Your full armor, stand firm against the enemy, trust Your promises, wield Your Word faithfully, and pray without ceasing. May I live today for Your glory. Amen.”