

Stand: Protected in Battle

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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. YOUR FAITH PROTECTS YOU

Ephesians 6:16

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Psalms 3:3

... You are a shield around me, O Lord; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head.

Psalms 56:3-4

3 When I am afraid, I will trust in you. 4 In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?

2. TRUSTING IN YOUR SALVATION PROTECTS YOU

Ephesians 6:17

Take the helmet of salvation...

Romans 8:16

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Romans 8:1

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

3. WE FIGHT FROM VICTORY, NOT FOR VICTORY

Ephesians 6:11

Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Colossians 2:15

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, [Christ] made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Romans 8:37

... we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Joshua 1:9

... Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."