

# “Strong in The Lord”

Eph. 6:10

## Introduction:

- A. Christians are at war.
  - 1. With the Devil (v. 11, 16).
  - 2. With spiritual wickedness (v. 12).
- B. Christians have real enemies.
  - 1. The evil world (Jas. 4:4)
  - 2. Those who do not follow apostles (Phil. 3:17-19)
  - 3. Sometimes own household (Mt. 10:36).
  - 4. Sometimes own brethren (2 Cor. 11:26).
- C. There are three essentials to survive and win this war:

## Discussion:

### I. One must Have Strong *Clothing* in the Lord (v. 11).

- A. A girdle of truth (v. 14).
  - 1. The truth of the gospel (John 17:17).
  - 2. Truth in general (Eph. 4:25).
- B. The breast of righteousness (v. 14).
  - 1. Righteous Lot (2 Pet. 2:6-10)
  - 2. Righteous Abel (Heb. 11:4).
- C. The preparation of the gospel of peace (v. 15).
- D. The shield of faith (v. 16).
  - 1. Faith of Moses (Heb. 11:23-27)
  - 2. Faith of Abraham (Heb. 11:8-10).
- E. The helmet of salvation (v. 17).
- F. The sword of the spirit (v. 17) — offensive and defensive.

### II. One must Have Strong *Convictions* in the Lord (v. 13 - “Having done all to stand”)

- A. Too many “half-baked” (Hos. 7:8)
  - 1. Kind of believe, never really believe.
  - 2. Lukewarm (Rev. 3:15, 16).
  - 3. Vacillating (1 Kings 18:21)
- B. Too many tossed to and fro (Eph. 4:12).
  - 1. Like Peter and Barnabas (Gal. 2:11-14).
  - 2. Like double minded man (Jas. 1:18)
  - 3. Like those ever learning (2 Tim 3:7).

### III. One must Have Strong *Courage* in the Lord (v. 13 - “stand therefore”)

- A. Courage to stand up and say “no” under pressure — Like Vashti (Est. 1:11,12).
- B. Courage to stand up to family if necessary — Like Asa (1 Kings 15:13)
- C. Courage to stand alone if necessary — like Paul (2 Tim. 4:14-16).
- D. Courage to speak when necessary when easier to be quiet.
  - 1. Paul at Athens (Acts 17:16).
  - 2. Paul at Corinth (Acts 18:9).
  - 3. Paul to Peter (Gal. 2:14ff).
- E. Courage to be silent when necessary when easier to speak.
  - 1. Jesus at crucifixion.
  - 2. Women in assembly.
  - 3. Harmful opinions.
- F. Courage to draw the line when necessary (Acts 5:29)
- G. Courage to accept legitimate criticism — like Simon (Acts 8:24).
- H. Courage to reject illegitimate criticism — like Paul (2 Cor. 7:2).

## Conclusion:

“Having done all to stand - stand therefore”