

“Winning Against the Enemy”

Series: Learning to Live “in Christ” - Ephesians

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I hope you have seen that the “to live in Christ” is breathtakingly beautiful as well as an all-consuming, challenging way of life! To live “in Christ” is to live as the “genuine humans” we were created to be! This new reality is both revolutionary and transformative for us and the world we live in

In the midst of this explanation of who Christ-followers are and how we are to live in order to SHINE, Paul reveals a harsh reality that awaits us all as well as the path to follow to SHINE.

Do you know the _____!

“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.” Ephesians 6:11-12

“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, **and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.**” 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” Matthew 4:10

Winning against the Enemy means _____!

“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.**” Ephesians 6:13

To Stand Firm we will need to put on the _____

“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.**” Ephesians 6:14-17

Conclusion: The importance of Prayer

“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 Lord’s people.” Ephesians 6:18

All Scriptures are from the New International Version unless noted.

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