

The 6th Sunday of Easter ~ Sunday, May 22, 2022

“Come Alive: Standing Firm”

Ephesians 6:10-24

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.” (Eph. 6:10)

finally = *liopon* =

The faithful believer who lives the faithful life can be sure of one thing: they will be involved in the spiritual _____.

“For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.” (Ephesians 6:12)

These two accounts, book marking Jesus’ earthly ministry, teach us that the battle doesn’t get _____ as we grow in obedience to God. If anything, Satan will _____ his efforts against those who continue to _____ serve the Lord.

Paul isn’t talking about physical strength here, but _____ strength. He’s not talking about our spiritual strength, but _____.

The day we start thinking that we have what it takes to be victorious in the battle is the day we’ll be _____.

strong = **endynamoo** is a _____ verb that means something that happens to us or is done on our behalf.

We are engaged in a spiritual battle, but we don’t fight in our own _____.

“...the battle belongs to the Lord.” (1 Samuel 17:47)

Where God calls, He _____ and _____.

“Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil...” (Ephesians 6:11)

“Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.” (Ephesians 6:13)

In order to take advantage of the strength of God’s might, a believer must first put on the _____ that God supplies.

put on = *enduo* =

The full armour of God isn’t something that is to be put on and taken off, but something we put on _____.

stand = *histemi* =

In the spiritual battle that’s being waged all around us, our role and responsibility is to _____ and _____ firm.

“Resist the devil and he will fall from you.” (James 4:7)

“Be sober of spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith.” (1 Peter 5:8-9)

THE FULL ARMOUR OF GOD

#1. The Belt of _____.

The belt was important because the breastplate and the rest of the armour was _____ to it. And because it was used to tie up the loose ends of the soldier’s _____.

truth = **aletheia** = The content of that which is true. In other words, God’s truth is absolutely _____ for the believer in their battle against the schemes of the enemy. This truth is embedded in God’s _____ and in the person of _____.

truth = **aletheia** = an attitude of _____. We are, with God’s help to live _____, sincere, truthful lives; and to refrain from those little white _____ that eventually trip us up.

Truth is the only thing that will keep us from getting tangled up in our own:

#2. The breastplate of _____.

The breastplate _____ made to form-fit each individual soldier, and was secured to the belt and worn for one thing only: to protect the soldier’s _____.

Just as breastplate belonged to the soldier, _____ belongs to the believer. The soldier didn't have anything to do with making the breastplate, nor does the believer make his or her own righteousness, but is covered in the righteousness of _____.

To put on the breastplate of righteousness is to live in _____, moment-by-moment _____ to God. It is _____ living, in which God supplies the _____ and the power, and we supply the _____.

#3. The shoes of the _____ of _____.
If we don't "shod our feet with preparation of the gospel of peace," we're destined to _____ and fall.

When put on the shoes of the gospel of peace, we stand in the confidence of God's _____ for us, His union with us, and His commitment to _____ for us.

"What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us..." (Romans 8:31, 37-39)

"With all these, take up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one." (Ephesians 6:16)

Shield of faith = the faith in Christ that appropriates _____ and continues to bring blessing and strength as it trusts God for daily _____. Paul isn't talking about faith in something, but rather faith in _____—someone who is infinitely _____ and absolutely _____.

Flaming arrows = the _____ that the enemy continuously bombards us with—temptations to:

"Every word of God is tested. He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him..." (Proverbs 30:5)

#5. The Helmet of _____.
Paul relates the helmet to salvation because Satan's attacks are directed at the believer's _____ and _____ in Christ.

His main tactic is to come at us with the club of _____ and cut us with _____. He tries to get us to look at _____

as the source of our _____. The helmet reminds us who our Saviour is—it reminds us that our salvation is in _____ alone.

No amount of _____ on our part will keep Jesus from saving us; and no amount of unrighteousness on our part will keep Jesus from _____ us saved. However, it will keep us from _____ we are saved

#6. The sword of the _____, which is the _____ of God.
"of the Spirit," not only suggests the _____ and _____ of the sword—it is from the Spirit and it's _____—but also how the believer is to use it.

The sword of the Spirit isn't a physical weapon designed by human minds or forged by human hands, but the perfect spiritual weapon of _____ origin and power, used by _____. Paul explicitly states that this sword is _____—the Word of God.

It is the source of truth, _____, joy, spiritual growth and maturity, and _____. It's first and foremost a _____ weapon, capable of deflecting the blows of the enemy. It's also an _____ weapon—it's living and active and can be used to proclaim God's truth in such a powerful way that it _____ the enemy.

The more we _____ and _____ Scripture, the more we'll be able to march through Satan's strongholds and lead people from his kingdom to God's.

God is our strength, however, His strength is only appropriated through _____—the whole armour of God:

**Are you in the battle?
Have you chosen the easy side or the winning side?**

Even though we're in a battle now—Jesus has already won the _____. In His death and resurrection, Jesus was _____ over Satan and _____ the power of sin and death.

"Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:54-57)