



# The Christian's Conflict

## (Ephesians 6:10-12)

*"The Battle is Real"*



*Ephesians 6:10-20 is both a Summary & Conclusion to the Book of Ephesians*

### BE STRONG IN THE LORD (6:10)

**Present Passive Plural Imperative**  
*"Continually allow yourself  
 to be empowered"*

- Be strong (δυναμις) **Transforming Power**
- in the strength (κραται) **Overcoming Resistance Power**
- of His might (ισχυος) **Inherent Power/Strength**

WHAT

### PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD (6:11a)

**Isaiah 59:17**

- Put on: **Actively depend on resources not your own**
- Full Armor of God: **God's fully adequate resources for battle**

HOW

### SO THAT YOU CAN STAND (6:11b-12)

- **Purpose:** To stand (στηναι) **Stand Your ground in the Battle**
- **Opposition:**

His Strategies (μεθοδίας) **schemes, tricks, wiles**

Our Opponents:

1. **Powerful**
2. **Evil**
3. **Clever**
4. **Defeated**

WHY

THE CHRISTIAN'S CONFLICT  
 IS SERIOUS AND REQUIRES SUPERNATURAL RESOURCES



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(Ephesians 6:10-13)  
*"The Nature of the Battle"*



## THE BATTLE IS AGAINST FALSE DOCTRINE

- Satan is a liar (John 8:44).
- Satan attacks our theology (Genesis 3:1-7).

## THE BATTLE IS PERSONAL

- We (παλη) "wrestle."
- This is armor for close combat.

## THE BATTLE IS COMMUNAL

- The imperatives are plural.
- We stand "together."

## THE BATTLE IS DEFENSIVE

- Stay on your feet.
- Jesus is the victor.

## THE BATTLE IS RELENTLESS

- Stand, Stand, Stand, Stand!
- Resist "in the evil day."

## THE BATTLE IS ALREADY WON

- God is our divine warrior.
- Remember we are blessed in the "heavenly places" (Eph. 1:3)

THE CHRISTIAN'S CONFLICT  
IS IS RELENTLESS AND REQUIRES CONSISTENT EFFORT



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(Ephesians 6:14-17)  
*"The Armor of God"*



## THE BELT OF TRUTH

Because God is **true** and **faithful**,

*I can live with **integrity**.*

## THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Because God is **holy** and **perfect**,

*I can live **righteously**.*

## THE SHOES OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

Because God **makes** peace and **establishes** peace,

*I can live **secure** in my relationships.*

## THE SHIELD OF FAITH

Because God is **generous** and **protective**,

*I can live with **utter dependance** on God.*

## THE HELMET OF SALVATION

Because God is **gracious** and **wise**,

*I can live with **confidence** in the battle.*

## THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

Because God's will is **clear** and **consistent**,

*I can **apply** His word to my life situations.*

THE CHRISTIAN'S CONFLICT  
IS MORE THAN ADEQUATELY RESOURCED IN GOD'S ARMOR



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## (Ephesians 6:18-20)

*"Warfare 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 (NIV).*

### **Ephesians: A Little Bit of Context**

#### **"Pray in the Spirit."**

- Prayer is *prompted* by the Holy Spirit.
- Prayer is *guided* by the Holy Spirit.

#### **"Pray on all Occasions."**

- Prayer is a *conversation* with God throughout the day.
- Prayer is a *way of life*. Everything you do can be prayer.

#### **"Pray with all kinds of prayers and requests."**

- Prayer is a *multifaceted communication* with God.
- Prayer is asking for God to accomplish *His purpose* and provide for us.

#### **"Be alert and keep on praying."**

- Prayer keeps you alert. Alertness keeps you praying.
- *Persistent* prayer is powerful prayer.

#### **"Pray for the Lord's people."**

- Pray for your community.
- Pray for the Lost.
- Pray for effective evangelism (6:19-20).

***The Christian's Conflict  
Demands Consistent Prayer and Constant Readiness.***