

# EPHESIANS 6:10-17

LESSON 36

## *Taking a Stand*

### 1. Ephesians 6:10-11 – Stand Strong in the Lord

- a. The context goes from submitting (5:24), to serving (6:7), and now standing.
- b. Ephesians went from where we sit (2:6), to how we walk (4:1), to why we stand.
- c. *“Finally”* – After all the doctrine, positional to practical, we must take a stand.
- d. The end position of a Christian is not sitting down, but standing; not weak but strength.
- e. *“be strong in the Lord”* – A choice to use his strength and might – 2 Co 12:9; 2 Tim 2:1-7
- f. How you stand - Rom 5:1, 1 Cor 15:1, 1 Cor 16:13, Gal 5:1, Phil 1:27, Col 4:12
- g. Why? We are at war. You need to stand lest... 1 Cor 10:12, Rom 14:13, 1Tim 3:6, 6:9

### 2. Ephesians 6:11–13 – Stand Against

- a. 6x we stand against in these verses. We are in a fight – 1 Cor 9:26, 1Ti 6:12, 2 Tim 4:7
- b. If we are not pressing on, we will fall back – Phi 3:13 –the battlefield is windy – Eph 4:14
- c. *“Put on”* - reckoning, owning, acknowledging Christ in you – Ro 13:12, Gal 3:27, Col 3:10
- d. *“flesh and blood”* - We are not against what most are because 1 Tim 2:4; 2 Cor 10:3-5
- e. *“wiles of the devil”* – They are as real as he is: Doubt, distortion, distraction, division, condemnation, and confusion, all through lies – 2 Cor 2:11, 11:3, 11:13-15; 2Th 2:9-11
- f. *“in high places”* – The opposition is pervasive and powerful; but ye are able in the Lord
- g. *“the evil day”* – we ought not expect it to be good or easy - Eph 5:16, Gal 1:4, 2 Cor 4:4
- h. We stand b/c we know where we should be and we don't want to move an inch.
- i. If you can stand, and you will stand, then you are able to stand with others.
- j. *“having done all”* – in the end, do all you can do, be found standing.

### 3. Ephesians 6:14-17 – Stand Equipped!

- a. You have a standing with God, but it won't be profitably without armour.
- b. 6:14 - Girt? → (see also Luke 12:35) Be ready, what will hold you together is truth.
- c. The breastplate keeps your heart – 1 Tim 1:5, Phi 4:7
- d. 6:15 – Where you walk? Remember Eph 2:17, 4:3, 5:15; God has called us to peace.
  - i. You need to be prepared with the gospel of peace for the long haul.
- e. 6:16 – Fiery darts poke/ ignite our flesh; the threat removed by walking by faith in Spirit
- f. 6:17 – Salvation is where you should keep your mind – 1 Tim 2:4
- g. 6:17 – The only weapon in the whole suit is the word of God.
  - i. It is sharp and two-edged – Heb 4:12 – it comes out of the mouth – Rev 1:16
  - ii. The battle we fight is doctrinal, you must know, then wield God's words rightly.