

STANDING FIRM: FIGHTING FOR AND FINDING JOY IN THE BATTLE

EPHESIANS 6:14-17

PART OF SOMETHING BIG







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Ephesians 6:10-17

¹⁰ Finally, be **strong in the Lord** and in the **strength of his might**. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet,

Ephesians 6:10-17

having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the <u>shield of faith</u>, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the <u>helmet of salvation</u>, and the <u>sword of the Spirit</u>, which is the <u>word of God</u>,...



To most fully experience the joy that comes from standing unwaveringly against the Evil One, we must make use of the spiritual armor God supplies.

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Ephesians 6:13-14

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Ephesians 2:13-18

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and **might reconcile us both to God** in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Isaiah 52:7

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains are the <u>feet of him who</u> <u>brings good news</u>, who publishes <u>peace</u>, who brings <u>good news</u> <u>of happiness</u>, who publishes <u>salvation</u>, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."



Romans 10:15

¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

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