

EPHESIANS STUDY

CHAPTER 6:13-14a

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TITLE:

“The Christian in Complete Armor”
“Equipped for the War”

SEATED IN THE HEAVENLIES IN CHRIST JESUS

SUB-TITLE:

“The Growing Up” of a Healthy Church

THEME:

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

Introduction: The Reading of the Text **vv. 6:13-14a**

Ephesians 6:13-14a

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. ¹⁴ Stand therefore,

Last Time we saw (3) key factors to our spiritual war that make up a successful defense against the enemy forces

1.) How are we to Fight a Spiritual Battle ? **vv. 11**

1a.) I am to be **Responsible** for Putting On my Armor

1b.) I am to be **Resisting** Satan Tricks and Tactics

1c.) I am to be **Reacting** in the Spirit of God

2.) What are the Enemies Resources vv. 12

2a.) The Anatomy of Spiritual Warfare vv. 12a

2b.) They're not of this Physical Realm vv. 12b

2c.) They're not subject to Physical Attacks vv. 12c

3.) Who is Our Real Enemy? vv. 12

3a.) The Forces of Evil that are Against

3b.) Satan's Workers can often be found in Church

The Book of Ephesians

is the first of four (4) Letter's that Paul wrote while in prison

Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon

Paul is in Rome and he is bound to a Roman Centurion by Chains,
Left Leg to Right Leg and Left Arm to Right Arm

While Paul Sitting There, Looking at the Solider in all his Armor,
the Holy Spirit began to speak to him

“Equipped for the War“

1.) The Believer's Response to the Call of War vv. 13a

“Therefore take up the whole armor of God,

1a.) Is to Seize the Offensive by “Taking Up“ vv. 13a

Verse 13

Therefore take up

It's already provided - it is right in front of you

“All that evil needs to prevail
is for good men to do nothing”

We must decide to fight!

Our god is all powerful
but we must take up the armor

GOD HAS WON THE WAR

Romans 13:12

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

Because God is showing the
principalities and powers of the unseen world.
that He is loving, merciful, and forgiving, just, holy, & righteous

Ephesians 2:7

that in the ages to come He might **show** the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness **toward us** in Christ Jesus.

He is Working Thru Us

Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, **but Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

The Lord wants us to co-battle
with Him because He is winning and wants to share the victory
with us

Jeremiah 46:3-4 NIV

"Prepare your shields, both large and small, and march out for battle! 4 Harness the horses, mount the steeds! Take your positions with helmets on! Polish your spears, put on your armor!

* **Take up** GRK 353 *analambano* (an-al-am-ban'-o);
receive up, take (in, unto, up).

To put it on and leave it on!

Satan and his workers never sleep

The Ephesians

had myths of gods giving armor to heroes: thus, Paul's allusion is appropriate.

1 Thessalonians 5:8-9

But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 Corinthians 6:1&7

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain... ⁷ by the word of truth, by the power of God, by **the armor** of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

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1b.) Is Not to Leave any Thing Undone

vv. 13b

Verse 13

the **whole** armor of God,

All, everything that is needed:
before it's needed - it's within reach

* **Whole** GRK 3833 *panoplia* (pan-op-lee'-ah);
to be fully armored

BE CAREFUL TO PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR

But will you take it up?

What is it to 'put on' the whole armor?

To so immerse yourself in the doctrine of God

“Equipped for the War“

2.) By Being Confident in Our Captain

vv. 13

that you may **be able to withstand** in the **evil day**,

Our Captain

Psalm 121:2

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

2c.) Because of His Strength, We Can Stand

vv. 13c

Verse 13

that you may **be able to withstand**

- * **Be able** GRK 1410 *dunamai* (doo'-nam-ah-ee);
to be able or to be possible on an ongoing basis
strength to continue and on and on

The Roman Army
had an invincible method of standing steadfast.
they would form a human square within a square, within a square. in unity they could not be
defeated!

- * **Withstand** GRK 436 *anthistemi* (anth-is'-tay-mee);
to stand against, i.e. oppose. to resist

Isaiah 54:17

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from Me," says the LORD.

Luke 10:18-19

And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Let's Talk Power Friends

Colossians 2:14-15

having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵ Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a **public spectacle** of them, (a mockery) triumphing over them in it.

Demon Powers Must Submit to the Authority of Jesus Christ

This requires of us to submit to God's Authority

James 4:7-8

Therefore **submit** to God. (as general of your soul) **Resist** the devil and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded.

General Napoleon

had several division fighting through Europe during France's great military campaigns. In one particular battle, his army under the command of one of Napoleon's captains, we're suffering terrible loses and ready to surrender. just then a messenger came to the camp and announced, "Napoleon is just a day's journey away and is coming soon"

Revelation 22:7

"Behold, I am coming quickly!
Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

1 Peter 5:8-9

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ **Resist** him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same difficulties are experienced by your brotherhood worldwide.

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Resist

GRK 436 anthistemi (anth-is'-tay-mee);

to stand against, putting pressure

I John 2:14b

...I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.

Verse 13

in the **evil day**,

Paul is Warning us in Advance

2 Timothy 3:13-14

But evil **men** and **impostors** will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,

JESUS Warned us in Advance

Matthew 24:12

"And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

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The evil

GRK 4190 **poneros** (pon-ay-ros');

a hurtful evil. an evil that is bent on destruction. the **devil**

Ephesians 5:16

redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

1 Corinthians 10:11-12

Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

The evil day (Satan's time of temptation)

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; **but God is faithful**, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

The lord has perfect knowledge
of the enemy's weakness and strengths

The Lord

- He knows exactly what is coming
- He knows the enemy's location and intentions
- He knows the perfect time to launch an offensive

The joke is On Satan Himself

he has no power or ability but what God has given to him

The fact of the Matter is;

1 Corinthians 15:57

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Most Christians are not fighting at all

Some Christians fight from the **defensive** position!

A few Christians fight from the **offensive** position

Are You Conscience of a Spiritual War?

- if not, then you've already been taken out by the enemy

then you've swallowed a stupid pill

Defense is to resist the attack

Offense is to advance with an attack

2 Corinthians 10:4

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal,
but mighty in God for **pulling down strongholds**,

(Warfare on the offensive -- going after the enemy)

The children of Israel were commanded by God to take the offensive

What should we be doing in the evil day?

Ephesians 5:16

redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Promised deliverance from the evil of days

Revelation 3:10

"Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

In the evil day:

Ecclesiastes 12:1

Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, **before the difficult days come**, and the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them":

Why Do We Need to Experience All this Stuff?

Romans 15:4

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

God Gives The Orders to Attack

Numbers 33:50-53

Now the LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, across from Jericho, saying, ⁵¹ "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you have crossed the Jordan into the land of Canaan, ⁵² then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, destroy all their engraved stones, destroy all their molded images, and demolish all their high places; ⁵³ you shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land and dwell in it, for I have given you the land to possess.

Why Do We Have War at All?

1 Peter 5:9-10 NIV

9 Resist him, **standing** firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. 10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

How do I take the offensive

#1

Prayer

- Because the enemy has been defeated.
This is the long range attack that is mounted first!

#2

Worship

- Because worship confuses the enemy.
This is the invasion of the ground forces

2 Corinthians 10:4a

For the weapons of our warfare **are not carnal**, but mighty in God...

#3

The Word

- Because the Word is what dismantles the enemies ranks.
This is the hand to hand combat with the enemy

#4

Service

- Because the exercise of service keeps us in the victory
this is the taking back establishing phase of the war

Matthew 16:18b

“...I will build My church,
and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”

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2c.) Because of His Strength, We Can Stand **vv. 13c**

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3.) By Staying in the Battle until He Comes

vv. 13c-14a

and having done all, to stand. **14a.** Stand therefore....

By Staying in the Battle Until He Comes
meaning: when he arrives for us all
or when you have completed your orders

3a.) Staying Focused on Jesus in the Heat of Battle

Verse 13

and having **done all** to **stand**.

* **Having done all** **GRK 2716 katergazomai (kat-er-gad'-zom-ahee);**
to work until it's complete. to stay at it until it is accomplished.

It's fully GOD... but I must respond

Matthew 28:7a

And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee;

What our duty is: to take and put on the whole armor of God, and then to stand our ground, and withstand our enemies.

We must withstand,

v. 13. We must not yield to the devil's allurements and assaults but oppose them. Satan is said to stand up against us, (1 Chronicles 21:1). If he stands up against us, we must stand against him; set up, and keep up, an interest in opposition to the devil. Satan is the wicked one, and his kingdom is the kingdom of sin: to stand against Satan is to strive against sin. That you may be able to withstand in the evil day, in the day of temptation, or of any sore affliction.

we must stand our ground: And, having done all, to stand. We must resolve, by God's grace, not to yield to Satan. Resist him, and he will flee. If we distrust our cause, or our leader, or our armor, we give him advantage.

Our present business is to withstand the assaults of the devil,

We must stand armed;

to the teeth

The apostle specifies the particulars of this armor, both offensive and defensive. The military girdle or belt, the breastplate, the greaves (or soldier's shoes), the shield, the helmet, and the sword. It is observable that, among them all, there is none for the back; if we turn our back upon the enemy, we lie exposed, and we backslide !

Hebrews 12:2

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

The victor of any war is the one
who can sustain an ongoing advancement

2 Timothy 2:4

No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

3b.) Stand firm in all of "His Glory"

Verse 14a

14a. Stand therefore....

Stand therefore
stand because HE is your strength

- It's God's armor
- It's God's power
- It's God's enablement

1 Corinthians 15:1

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and **in which you stand,**

Galatians 5:1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

1 Peter 5:12b

...I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God **in which you stand. the gospel is the revelation of grace**

Exodus 15:2-3

The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him. 3 The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.

Joshua 5:13-14

And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?" ¹⁴ So He said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?"

Will you all stand NOW !!!

STAND

Luke 21:36

"Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and **to stand** before the Son of Man."

Romans 5:2

through whom also we have access by faith into this grace **in which we stand,** and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 16:13

Watch, **stand** fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.

1 Thessalonians 3:8

For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.

The End