

Ephesians 6:10-45 – Above all, to Stand

Letter to the Ephesians – summary of main themes

- CHAPTER 1 Praising God the Father for His great, predestined purpose and grace, exerted in the Lord Jesus through His death and resurrection to give us an inheritance that is sealed by the Holy Spirit, and to put ALL things under Christ.
- CHAPTER 2 The grace of God in saving us and creating a new society, where Jews and Gentiles are united as one new people.
- CHAPTER 3 God has made Paul to be a messenger to reveal this great plan of God to all powers that be.
- CHAPTER 4 An appeal that they must live a life worthy of this calling, fitting their status as God's new and reconciled society.
- CHAPTER 5-6:9 God's people must learn to submit to each other in family and domestic relationships, and so promote harmony in their homes

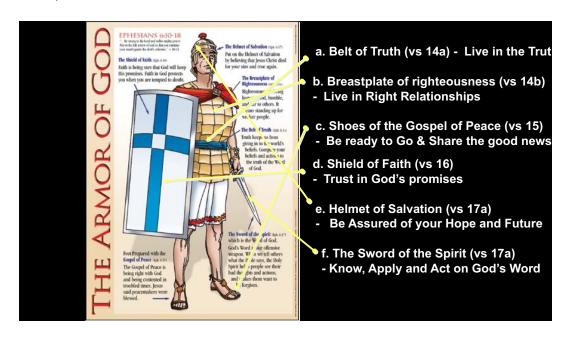
"Unity, diversity, purity and harmony – these the apostle has stressed as major characteristics of the new life and the new society in Christ"

John R. W. Stott, The Message of Ephesians, Leicester: Inter-varsity Press, 1979. page 261.

Ephesians 6:10-24

The devil is real - Isaiah 14:12-15 & Ezekiel 28-12-19 cf Mattthew 4:1-10, 16:23; John 8:44; 1 Peter 5:8-9. Revelations 12:7-9.

There is no battle between Good and Evil – God and His goodness has, and always will, triumph.



The 4 "alls" of vs 18.

"..praying at <u>all</u> times in the Spirit, with <u>all</u> prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with <u>all</u> perseverance, making supplication for <u>all</u> the saints..."

Application:

Make time everyday for a time of devotion – with worship, reading and reflecting on God's word and prayer.