

Ephesians

Holy Stand

Key Scripture:

Ephesians 5:25-27 NLT

25...**Christ loved the church.** He gave up His life for her 26 to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. 27 He did this to present her to Himself **as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle** or any other blemish.

Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

Take a Stand!

Ephesians 6:11-12 NKJV

11 **Put on the whole armor of God,**
that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For **we do not wrestle against flesh and blood,**

but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Why are there so many casualties?

- ✓ **Unprepared for battle.**
- ✓ **Fighting the wrong enemy.**
- ✓ **Think we can win without God.**

Stand like a priest...

1. Stay standing in the Lord for strength and power.

Ephesians 6:10 NKJV

Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.**

2. Stand against evil by putting on the full armor of God.

Ephesians 6:13-18 NIV

13 Therefore **put on the full armor of God,** so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.
 14 Stand firm then, with **the belt of truth** buckled around your waist, with **the breastplate of righteousness** in place, 15 and with **your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.** 16 In addition to all this, take up **the shield of faith,** with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the **helmet of salvation** and the **sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.** 18 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 saints.

- ✓ **Belt of Truth** - Isaiah 11:5
- ✓ **Breastplate of Righteousness** - Isaiah 59:17a
- ✓ **Your Feet fitted with the Gospel of Peace** - Isaiah 52:7
- ✓ **Shield of Faith** - Psalm 84:11; Psalm 115:11
- ✓ **Helmet of Salvation** - Isaiah 59:17b; Psalm 140:7
- ✓ **Sword of the Spirit** - Hebrews 4:12; Revelation 1:16; John 6:63
- ✓ **Prayer in the Spirit** - Isaiah 11:4; 1 Corinthians 14:15; Romans 8:26

3. Stand together with God's people.

Ephesians 6:19-24 NLT

19 And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike.

20 I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador.

So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for Him, as I should.

21 To **bring you up to date,**

Tychicus will give you a full report about what I am doing and how I am getting along.

He is a beloved brother and faithful helper in the Lord's work.

22 I have sent him to you for this very purpose—

to let you know how we are doing **and to encourage you.**

23 **Peace be with you,** dear brothers and sisters,

and **may God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you love with faithfulness.**

24 **May God's grace be eternally upon all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.**

- ✓ **Bring you up to date.**
(Give you a full report about what I am doing and how I am getting along)
(and to encourage you.)
- ✓ **Better together.** *(Faithful helper in the Lord's work)*
- ✓ **Bless one another.** *(Peace, love, faithfulness, grace)*

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