

Ephesians

The Christian's Blessings, Behavior & Battles



Memorial Day

Let us never forget.
More than 1.1 million war dead.



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SPIRITUAL WARFARE

A man in a light blue shirt and jeans walks from left to right in the foreground. In the background, a glowing, ethereal figure of a person is shown in a dynamic, almost dancing pose, emitting a bright light. To the right, a dark, demonic figure with horns and a wide, toothy grin is visible, looking towards the glowing figure. The scene is set in a dark, atmospheric environment with a blue and white color palette.

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Ch 1, 2, 3 How to ***Think***

Ch 4, 5, 6 How to ***Walk***

6:10 - 20 How to ***Battle***

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6:13 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.





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6:14 Stand
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fastened on the
belt of truth

For the Roman Soldier...

- The belt was used to “gird” or bind his long, loose robe tightly to his waist.
- It enabled him to fight unencumbered, balanced and stable, without tripping over himself.

Ready for action! Lk. 12:35, 40

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- Content of truth:
Biblical truth & knowledge



“Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons 1 Tim. 4:1

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- Attitude of truth: a readiness & genuine commitment

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Rom. 12:2

In Christ we fight from victory, not for victory.

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6:14 ... having put on the breastplate or righteousness

- Not self-righteousness. Isaiah 64:6
- Not imputed righteousness. 2 Cor. 5:21



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- Practical righteousness. Eph. 4:24-27

“Imputed righteousness makes practical righteousness possible, but only obedience to the Lord makes practical righteousness a reality.” John MacArthur



You stand firm by kneeling humbly
before Jesus Christ as your Savior and God.

*So that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow, in heaven
and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory
of God the Father. Phil. 2:10-11*



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