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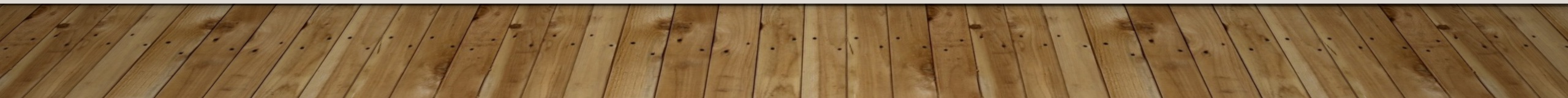


# CHRIST IS THE VICTOR; STAND FIRM IN VICTORY

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## CONTEXT

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- 8 When the Most High gave to the nations their **inheritance**, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the **sons of God**. 9 But the LORD's portion is **his people, Jacob** his allotted heritage. (Dt 32:8-9, ESV)
- 13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you **alive** with Christ. He **forgave** us all our **sins**, 14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. 15 And having **disarmed** the **powers** and **authorities**, he made a public spectacle of them, **triumphing over them by the cross**. (Col 2:13-15, NIV)



## CONTEXT EPHESIANS 1:VICTORY HAS BEEN WON



- 1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: 2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.** 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. (Eph 1:1-6, NIV)

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- 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, 9 he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring **unity** to all things in **heaven** and on **earth under** Christ. (Eph 1:7-10, NIV)

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- 11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit **guaranteeing** our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. (Eph 1:11-14, NIV)

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- 15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the **Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.** 18 I pray that the **eyes** of your heart may be **enlightened** in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his **incomparably great power** for us who believe (Eph 1:15-19a, NIV)

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- That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and **seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,** 21 far **above all** rule and authority, power and dominion, and **every** name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things **under his feet** and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. (Eph 1:19b-23, NIV)



## CONTEXT

### EPHESIANS 2:1-5: ALIVE IN CHRIST



- 1 As for you, you were **dead** in your **transgressions** and **sins**, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the **ways of this world** and of the **ruler of the kingdom of the air**, the **spirit** who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature **deserving of wrath**. (Eph 2:1-3, NIV)
- “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me **has eternal life** and will not be judged but has **crossed over from death to life**. (Jn 5:24, NIV)



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- 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 **made us alive** with Christ even when we were **dead** in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. (Eph 2:4-5, NIV).



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EPHESIANS 2:6-7:  
VICTORY IS OURS



- **6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him** in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,  
**7** in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. (Eph 2:6-7, NIV)

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EPHESIANS 6:10-20:  
STAND FIRM!

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- 8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around **like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.** 9 **Resist him, standing firm in the faith,** because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. (1 Pet 5:8-9, NIV)

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EPHESIANS 6:10  
BE STRENGTHENED!

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- Finally, be strengthened in the Lord, and in the power of His might. (Eph 6:10, AT)

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## EPHESIANS 6:11 PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR

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- Put on the full armor of God so that you will be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. (Eph 6:11, AT)
- The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and **put on the armor** [*hoplon*] of light. (Rom 13:12, NIV)
- Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an **instrument** [*hoplon*] of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument [*hoplon*] of righteousness. (Rom 6:13, NIV)
- The weapons [*hoplon*] we fight with are not the **weapons** [*hoplon*] of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. (2 Cor 10:4, NIV)

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- As a **prisoner** for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. (Eph 4:1, NIV)
- He put on **righteousness as his breastplate**, and **the helmet of salvation** on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak. (Is 59:17, NIV)

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## EPHESIANS 6:11 PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR/ NEW SELF

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- 17 So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. 18 They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. 19 Having lost all sensitivity, they have **given themselves over to sensuality** so as to **indulge in every kind of impurity**, and they are full of greed. (Eph 4:17-19, NIV)
- 20 That, however, is not the way of life you learned 21 when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. 22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to **put off your old self**, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to **put on the new self**, created to be **like God in true righteousness and holiness**. (Eph 4:20-24, NIV)

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- **Follow God’s example**, therefore, as dearly loved children (Eph 5:1, NIV)
- 25 Therefore each of you must put off **falsehood** and **speak truthfully** to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.  
26 “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 and **do not give the devil a foothold** (Eph 4:25-27, NIV)





## EPHESIANS 6:12

### BATTLE NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD



- Because, for us, the battle is not against blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this dark [age], against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms (Eph 6:12, AT)
- That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the **heavenly realms**, 21 far **above** all **rule** and **authority, power** and **dominion**, and **every** name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed **all** things **under his feet** and appointed him to be **head over everything** for the church (Eph 1:19b-22, NIV)



## EPHESIANS 6:12 BATTLE NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD



- 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him **all the kingdoms of the world** and their splendor. 9 “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” (Mt 4:8-9, NIV)
- The god of this age [i.e., Satan] has **blinded the minds of unbelievers**, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Cor 4:4, NIV)
- Since the children have **flesh and blood**, he [i.e., Christ] too shared in their humanity so that **by his death** he might **break the power** of him who holds the power of death—that is, **the devil** (Heb 2:14, NIV)

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# EPHESIANS 6:13 STAND YOUR GROUND

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- Because of this, take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to stand in resistance on the day when evil comes and, after having prepared everything, to stand (Eph 6:13, AT)
- Submit yourselves, then, to God. **Resist** [*anthistēmi*] the devil, and he will flee from you. (Jas 4:7, NIV)
- 15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, **because the days are evil** (Eph 5:15-16, NIV)
- 3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the **present evil age**, according to the will of our God and Father (Gal 1:3-4, NIV)