“Strong in The Lord”
Eph. 6:10

Introduction:
A. Christians are at war.
   1. With the Devil (v. 11, 16).
   2. With spiritual wickedness (v. 12).
B. Christians have real enemies.
   1. The evil world (Jas. 4:4)
   2. Those who do not follow apostles (Phil. 3:17-19)
   3. Sometimes own household (Mt. 10:36).
   4. Sometimes own brethren (2 Cor. 11:26).
C. There are three essentials to survive and win this war:

Discussion:
I. One must Have Strong Clothing in the Lord (v. 11).
   A. A girdle of truth (v. 14).
      1. The truth of the gospel (John 17:17).
      2. Truth in general (Eph. 4:25).
   B. The breast of righteousness (v. 14).
      1. Righteous Lot (2 Pet. 2:6-10)
      2. Righteous Abel (Heb. 11:4).
   C. The preparation of the gospel of peace (v. 15).
   D. The shield of faith (v. 16).
      1. Faith of Moses (Heb. 11:23-27)
      2. Faith of Abraham (Heb. 11:8-10).
   E. The helmet of salvation (v. 17).
   F. The sword of the spirit (v. 17) — offensive and defensive.

II. One must Have Strong Convictions in the Lord (v. 13 - “Having done all to stand”)
   A. Too many “half-baked” (Hos. 7:8)
      1. Kind of believe, never really believe.
      2. Lukewarm (Rev. 3:15, 16).
      3. Vacillating (1 Kings 18:21)
   B. Too many tossed to and fro (Eph. 4:12).
      1. Like Peter and Barnabas (Gal. 2:11-14).
      2. Like double minded man (Jas. 1:18)
      3. Like those ever learning (2 Tim 3:7).

III. One must Have Strong Courage in the Lord (v. 13 - “stand therefore”)
   A. Courage to stand up and say “no” under pressure — Like Vashti (Est. 1:11,12).
   B. Courage to stand up to family if necessary — Like Asa (1 Kings 15:13)
   C. Courage to stand alone if necessary — like Paul (2 Tim. 4:14-16).
   D. Courage to speak when necessary when easier to be quiet.
      3. Paul to Peter (Gal. 2:14ff).
   E. Courage to be silent when necessary when easier to speak.
      1. Jesus at crucifixion.
      2. Women in assembly.
      3. Harmful opinions.
   F. Courage to draw the line when necessary (Acts 5:29)
   H. Courage to reject illegitimate criticism — like Paul (2 Cor. 7:2).

Conclusion:
“Having done all to stand - stand therefore”