“Strong in the Lord” – Part 2
Eph. 6:10

Introduction:
A. People are content with weakness in religion, more than in any other field.
   1. Want to be best parent, professional or hobbyist - not best Christian.
   2. Want to know as much as needed to succeed in secular pursuits - not as Christian.
   3. Want to spend all can afford to become strong in other fields - not as Christian.
B. We must learn to be strong in face of other forces working against our salvation.
   1. Takes whole armor to withstand. (v. 11).
   2. Takes doing all to stand and then standing. (vv. 13-14)
C. We noticed in part 1 of this lesson that we must learn to be strong in the face of:
   1. Personal weaknesses
   2. Common Temptations
   4. Active opposition.

Discussion:
I. We Must Learn To Be Strong In The Face Of Conventional Wisdom.
   A. Lord's way not according conventional wisdom of world. (1 Cor. 1:21,27-29; 2:6-8; 4:10-13).
   B. Lord's standards of morals, ethics, home life, child-rearing, etc. differs from world's wisdom.

II. We Must Learn To Be Strong In The Face Of Popular Opinion.
   A. Often have to stand against popular views in community.
   B. Often have to stand without popular support. (John 6:16; 2 Tim. 4:16).
      1. From neighbors.
      2. From brethren.
   C. Often peer pressure is so strong.
      1. Chief rulers (John 12:42)
      2. Peter (Gal. 2:11-13).

III. We Must Learn To Be Strong In The Face Of Brethren's Mistakes.
   A. Should be very close to our brethren
      1. Love them (1 Pet. 1:22)
      2. Respect them (1 Thess. 5:13).
      3. Associate with them (Acts 2:46)
   B. Must not tie faith to them. (1 Cor. 2:5)

IV. We Must Learn To Be Strong In The Face Of Immediate Rewards.
   A. We prefer instant results and solutions to promises. (cf. 2 Pet. 1:4).
   B. We want instant conversions, peace and rewards.

Conclusion:
A. It takes preparation (“having done all”) and determination (“stand therefore..”) to withstand such.
B. It takes a strong faith to forego present advantages for future eternal reward.