

Be Strong in the Lord

Eph. 6:10-24

Concluding the Believer's Position in Christ Series

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- Strength in spiritual battle (no submission)

 - “Finally: “here’s the rest of what remains.” More than “in conclusion.”
- 1) Strength/ power/ might of the Lord that must be ours
 - a. As Old Testament authors viewed it: Ex. 15:2, 13; 1 Sam. 2:1; 1 Chr. 16:8-12; Ps. 18:32-39; Hab. 3:17-19

 - b. “Name-it/ Claim-it!”

 - 2) Strength in Eph. 6
 - a. Vs. 10 – a passive use (receiving vs. doing)
 - i. Words relating to strength
 1. be strong : ἐνδυναμώω [endunamoo /en-doo-nam-o-o/] (verb) 1 to be strong, endue with strength, strengthen. 2 to receive strength, be strengthened, increase in strength..¹

¹Strong, James: *The Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible : Showing Every Word of the Text of the Common English Version of the Canonical Books, and Every Occurrence of Each Word in Regular Order.* electronic ed. Ontario : Woodside Bible Fellowship., 1996, S. G1743

2. in the power: κράτος [*kratos /krat-os/*] (noun) 1 force, strength. 2 power, might: mighty with great power. 2A a mighty deed, a work of power. 3 dominion.²

3. of his might: ἰσχύς [*ischus /is-khoos/*] (noun) 1 ability, force, strength, might.³

ii. The importance of being “in the Lord” (v. 10)

b. Vs. 11-18 – action is required, too! (doing vs. receiving)

i. Standing firm: ἵστημι [*histemi /his-tay-mee/*] (verb) 2B to stand. 2B1 continue safe and sound, stand unharmed, to stand ready or prepared. 2B2 to be of a steadfast mind. 2B3 of quality, one who does not hesitate, does not waiver.⁴

ii. wrestling requires strength and skill (v. 11-12)

iii. Therefore we should... (v. 13-18)

c. No place for lone rangers or vigilante soldiers – we are in this *together!* (v. 19-24)

²*Ibid.* G2904

³*Ibid.* G2479

⁴*Ibid.* G2476