

## Strong in the Lord

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

### I. Intro

- A. Much truth has been shared with the Ephesians and with us.
- B. Are we going to follow it?
  - 1. Are we going to rest in Christ, while we serve in Christ?
  - 2. Are we going to follow His plan of rescue, and explain that plan to all who will hear?
  - 3. Are we going to face the battles before us in the courage of a blood bought warrior of Christ?
- C. We have a tremendous opportunity, and responsibility.
  - 1. Our opportunity: yield to the Lord and find Strength
  - 2. Our responsibility: do the right thing, at the right time, in the right way, because we choose God's path rather than our own.

### II. Text

- A. Finally: Walk in Strength
- B. Be strong: *endynamoō*
  - 1. be strong, endue with strength, strengthen
  - 2. to receive strength, be strengthened, increase in strength
- C. IN THE LORD
  - 1. There is only one place to be!
  - 2. The Strength of the Lord is found nowhere else.
- D. And...
- E. In the strength of HIS might:
  - 1. Strength: *kratos*
  - 2. Force, strength, power, dominion

### III. Points

- A. Stronger Together
  - 1. Our battle is not an operation meant to be taken on alone.
  - 2. Revelation 12
    - a) [Rev 12:11 ESV] 11 And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.
    - b) We will be victorious in this battle because of the blood of the Lamb, and the word of our testimony
  - 3. We are only stronger together when we are held together by the power of God
  - 4. [Ecc 4:9-12 ESV] 9 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. 10 For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! 11 Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? 12 And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him--a threefold cord is not quickly broken.
- B. Receive Strength
  - 1. Blessed with the means to be strengthened
  - 2. Endowed with strength
    - a) Endowment: The wealth of God's strength
  - 3. The strength mentioned in this passage is something we have been gifted:
    - a) Imputed Righteousness: the righteousness of Christ charged to our account.
    - b) Imputed Strength: that which is blessed upon us
  - 4. This is another reminder to not place yourself at the center the story...even your strength is gifted to you!
- C. Source of strength
  - 1. GOD IS OUR SOURCE and STRENGTH
  - 2. [Psa 28:6-9 ESV] 6 Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. 7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am

- helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. 8 The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. 9 Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
3. [2Co 12:8-10 ESV] 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.
  4. [Psa 46:1-3 ESV] 1 To the choirmaster. Of the Sons of Korah. According to Alamoth. A Song. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah
  5. Live close to the source, find the power of God
- IV. Close
- A. Finally, be strong in the strength and power of the Lord!
  - B. You will not find this strength in the power and yourself, your intellect, or any other way.
  - C. Strength comes from the power and might of the ALMIGHTY, ALL POWERFUL God we serve!