

IN CHRIST: SPIRITUAL WARFARE (Part 3)

“Praying in the Spirit” – Eph 6:18-22

We Stand in the Strength of His Might – Eph 6:10

- We stand in our eternal and internal union with Christ – Eph 1:13; 2:18; 4:30; I Cor 6:17
 - ...we are partakers of the Divine nature – II Pet 1:3,4
 - ...receivers of His dynamic, energizing, operational ability – Eph 1:19,20; I Jo 4:4
- Two keys to standing firm – Eph 6:11,13,14
 - ...our union, fellowship with Christ – I Jo 5:18; Jo 14:30; Col 3:4
 - ...our union, fellowship with other believers – I Jo 1:1-4; Eph 4:14-16
 - (We are in these battles together – Eph 6:19-22; Ga 4:13-14; Col 4:7-9; Ja 5:16; Acts 19:18; II Cor 12:9-10)
- We don't have to “fight” as separated people – II Cor 10:3-5

We Stand Fully Armed... Praying in the Spirit – Eph 6:18-20

- With “all prayer” and “at all times” – Eph 6:18; I Thess 5:18
 - ...It is more about “Who” we pray to than “how” we pray – Phil 4:6
- Praying in the Spirit:
 - ...It is consistently personal – Jo 17:3, 20-24; Ja 33:3
 - (the real “me” before the Real God!)
 - ...It is faithfully centered in Christ – Col 3:1-4; Acts 4:24-31
 - (“de-centering” us and “re-centering” us in Him!)
 - ...It is predictably submissive – Ja 4:7,10; Matt 26:39; I Pet 5:6
 - (we present ourselves to God in a non-selective readiness to hear and obey Him!)
 - ...It is fundamentally intercessory – Jo 17:19; Eph 6:19-20; Jo 10:18
 - (we identify with God's interest in others!)

*Luke 1:26-38 – Mary's prayer “in the Spirit”

...personal... centered... submissive... intercessory