

SOLDIERS OF CHRIST BAND

ABOUT SOLDIERS OF CHRIST

Soldiers of Christ are Christian soldiers who fight against spiritual wickedness, with the full resources of God that are available to all who take up the cross and follow Jesus Christ (Eph. 6:11,13). These verses are general exhortation to courage and to be prayerful. Paul describes the Christian in terms of the dress and equipment of the Romans Soldiers. He however noted that the readiness of Christians for combat is not directly against men but against the spiritual powers of evil.

Christians are to be strong in the Lord; to be strong in his power (Eccl 9:11ff); to put on the whole armour of God; to stand; to have loins girth with truth; to put on the breastplate of righteousness and have feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace; to take the Shield of faith; take the helmet of Salvation; take the sword of the spirit which is the word of God; to pray in the spirit and watch in prayers. All Christians must acquire strength to have ability to stand against all enemies. Christians must indeed acquire the ability to withstand all attacks and quench every fiery dart of Satan, demons, devil, evil and principalities.

A man's method of sinning is the devil's method of damning his soul. The whole armor of God will make Christians strong and victorious (Isa 44:2-5). The girdle is for the loins to brace the armor tight against the body and support daggers, swords and other weapons. Breastplate is to cover the organs of the body. It extended down to the legs. Brazen boots for the feet, to cover the front of the legs. Shield is to protect the body from blows and cuts. A kind of sole was often used to protect the feet from rocks, thorns etc. Conquering Christians must stand ready to do battle always. In a nutshell, Christians must submit themselves to God, and resist the devil so that he will flee from them (James 4:7).

The ruler of this world is Satan, an angel who rebelled against God. Satan is real not symbolic; and is constantly working against God and those who obey Him. Satan tempted Eve in the garden of Eden and persuaded her to sin. He tempted Jesus in the wilderness and could not persuade Him to fall (Matt 4:1-11). Satan had great power but people can be delivered from his reign of spiritual darkness, because of Christ's victory on the cross. Satan is powerful but Jesus is much more powerful. Jesus' resurrection shattered Satan's deathly power (Col 1:13-14). We receive forgiveness and redemption from Jesus Christ. We must therefore be focused and concentrate on the power of Jesus Christ to deliver us from Satan, devil, demons, imps, principality, powers against the rulers of the darkness of this age, and against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. May God deliver us from all our infirmities. (Amen).

Believers must war against Satan, his army of fallen angels, demons, imps (that is little devil) through mainly the spiritual battle of prayers, fasting and keeping night vigils. Christians must always ask God to release His forces to battle for us and bind the forces of Satan in the mighty name of Jesus Christ (Ezekiel 28:13-19). When a strong man keeps his palace, his goods are in peace; but when a stronger man overcomes him, he takes over from him all his armor and divides the spoils (Luke 11:21-22).

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the

knowledge of God and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. Don't submit to circumstances but submit to the Lord who controls circumstances. God can fight our battles and make us victorious as He fought for the Israelites at the Red Sea