

A PRIMER ON SPIRITUAL WARFARE AND CPC
Ephesians 6:10-18

4 postures in the Christian life:

SIT: rest in the finished work of Christ

KNEEL: pray each day to know more of His love & power

WALK: live out this new life by faith & obedience: put off & put on

STAND! Expect opposition from real demons who want nothing more than to destroy your faith and turn you from Christ

- Personally
- CPC congregation
- Everywhere we look in the world

6:10: Be **strong** (cf Joshua 1:6-9)

How? In the Lord—in the might of His strength

How do I do that?

6:11: I put on **His armor**.

Why?

6:12: Because my struggle is not with other people, but with

- **Powerful**
- **Evil**
- **Cunning**
- **Spiritual beings**

6:13-14a: only clad in His armor can I **STAND**

Be alert! CPC is poised for its greatest effectiveness in the days ahead.

Therefore expect more severe opposition and even the temptation to give up!

Areas I long for your future:

✓ More _____ : II Corinthians 12:9-10 humility, dependence

✓ More _____ : so God grows larger in our eyes

More _____ in Howard County: larger vision that we simply cannot accomplish alone

What are some ways you can expect they will attack you in the days ahead? Offer **3 Ds** of **Demonic** strategy:

1. _____ you—from Christ and His cross (1:4b-8, 17; 2:4-10). Take Christ and His cross for granted and focus on other more advanced or interesting matters.
2. _____ you—because you lose sight of His love & power (3:14-21), and purpose (1:9-10, 18-23).
Become cynical about the supernatural. Not pray sacrificially
3. _____ you from others in the Body (2:14-22; 4:2-6)
And from other churches in Howard County

You will *not* prevail by lethargy or determination or discipline.

Only the **might of His strength** (6:10)

And **His armor** (6:14-18) will carry you through

Therefore *put on that ARMOR!*

3 Bs you have:

+ **Belt of Truth**

+ **Breastplate of Righteousness**

+ **Boots of the Gospel**

3 Ss you take:

+ **Shield of Faith**

+ **Salvation Helmet**

+ **Sword of Spirit:** Scripture

All surrounded with

+ **Prayer:** all occasions—all kinds—all the saints

So that you will give **Him** the glory for the victory and success.