

Armor of God Part 4

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Today — Power, Position, Provision

- **Ephesians 6:10**
Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.
- strong in the Lord — not in self, we're talking total dependence on God
- in the power of His might — in the extreme vigor of His forcefulness!

There is POWER available to you to live an abundant, victorious, joy-filled life!

Question... Where do we see the power and might, vigor and forcefulness of God on display?

Answer... In the physical resurrection and exalted position of Jesus Christ!

Power — Resurrection from Dead

- **Ephesians 1: 19-23**
... and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

The exceeding greatness of God's power and might is displayed in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead — God's power is so great that He makes dead things live again! Lifeless, hopeless, finished things — He brings back to life, POWER!

Position — of Jesus in Heaven

- right hand of God — place of power, favor, authority, blessing
- heavenly places — exalted places, Jesus power and position is super natural!
- far above all principality and power — waaaay higher than other spirits, rulers, etc.
- all things under His feet — everything is in submission to Jesus
- head over all things — there's nothing He's not Lord over

*Application — Be strong in the Lord, this Lord, of **supernatural power** and **exalted position!***

How? That's all good for Jesus, but that's not me... are you sure about that?

- **Ephesians 2:4-6**

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus

- made us **alive too**, **raised us up** too, **sat us** together in heavenly places too!!!

In Christ, we are alive, we are raised up, we are sitting in position of power, favor, authority, blessing, so we can live power-filled, supernatural, victorious lives now — not overcome by evil spirits or natural circumstances!

*Application — you be strong in the **resurrection power** of Jesus and the **exalted position** you have in Him!*

So Important — Creation Intent

- power, position that God gives us in Christ is about the process of restoring to us the dominion we lost, through the fall, in the Garden

- **Genesis 1:26-28**

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

**God created man to have dominion over all, to subdue it... even creepy things!
That dominion and authority is being restored to those who believe
through the power and position we're afforded in Christ!**

Bottom line — the root of every spiritual battle is about who's going to have dominion over your life — the enemy of your soul — or Christ in you — everything else is byproduct.

Provision — in Armor of God

- supernatural counterpart to physical armor of natural soldier

- **Ephesians 6:11**

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

*Application... **whole armor**, verse 13 too, every bit plays crucial role... **to stand**, vs. 13-14... **wiles of devil**, *methodia* (Greek word for methods), schemes, tricks, etc.*

**You can victoriously stand against the devil on earth
when you realize you're seated with Jesus in the heavenlies!**

- **Ephesians 6:12**

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Bible is clear, our wrestling and warring is against wicked spiritual forces!

- **Ephesians 6:13**

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Application... having done all, "to fully finish to every degree," ALL-IN effort to stand!

- **Ephesians 6:14**

Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth...

- **girded** — belted, covered, protected, anchored!
- **waist** — loins, procreative, reproductive parts
- **with truth**- It all starts with Truth, it's our anchor! Who is? What is? What it produces?

- **John 14:6**

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

- **John 17:17**

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

- **John 8: 31-32**

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

*Application... having your loins covered with truth means to make sure that what you are **reproducing**, and **creating** is in **agreement** with **God's truth**, His Word, His will and His ways and **not the devil's lies** or **our own broken filters of reality**.*

**Freedom, power, security comes from knowing and reproducing God's truth...
bondage, weakness and insecurity comes from reproducing the devil's lies.**

Summary- be strong in the **Lord's resurrection power**, be strong in your **heavenly position**; far above all demonic power, put on the **whole provision of God's armor**, **it all starts with TRUTH!**

**Truth to know, agree with Truth,
be anchored in Truth, reproduce Truth!**

The following is an identity prayer for you to pray aloud, alone, with your family, or your LifeGroup.

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Father, I know that I am what I am because of Your grace alone. *1 Corinthians 15:10*

It's not because of my own works or effort. *Ephesians 2:8*

My boast is in Jesus Christ alone. *Galatians 6:14*

Thank You for my salvation. *Ephesians 2:8-9*

Thank You for my sanctification. *Hebrews 10:10,14*

Thank You for my justification. *Romans 5:1*

Thank You for my reconciliation. *Colossians 1:21*

Thank You for my identification. *2 Corinthians 5:17*

I am a saint. *60 times in New Testament*

I am the righteousness of God in Christ. *2 Corinthians 5:21*

I am the salt of the earth. *Matthew 5:13*

I am the light of the world. *Matthew 5:14*

I am a child of God. *Galatians 3:26*

I am one with God. *John 17:21, 1 Corinthians 6:17*

I am God's friend. *John 15:15*

I know and believe I have direct access to God the Father. *Ephesians 2:18*

I know and believe that my inheritance is guaranteed and that I am a fellow citizen with the other saints in the Kingdom of God. *Ephesians 1:11, 2:19*

I know and believe that in Christ I'm not condemned now or ever will be. *Romans 8:1*

I know and believe that I am blessed, chosen, holy, blameless, loved, adopted, accepted, favored, redeemed, forgiven and sealed with the Holy Spirit. *Ephesians 1:3-11*

I know and believe that by Jesus' blood I have freedom, redemption and forgiveness of sins. *Ephesians 1:7*

I know and believe that Jesus' blood is both precious and powerful and that it was shed for me and my freedom. *1 Peter 1:18-20*

I know and believe that whoever Jesus sets free is free indeed. *John 8:32, 36*

I know and believe that it was for freedoms sake that Jesus set me free. *Galatians 5:1*

I know and believe that Jesus has redeemed me from every lawless deed and purified me for Himself and that I am special in His sight. *Titus 2:14*

Because I've been redeemed, I know and believe that I'm no longer a slave of sin. *Romans 6:6*

Because of what I know and believe about redemption, sin has no dominion over me. *Romans 6:14*

I know and believe I've been freed from sin. *Romans 6:7*

I know and believe I'm dead to sin. *Romans 6:11*

I refuse to let sin reign in me. *Romans 6:12*

I refuse to present myself to sin and unrighteousness. *Romans 6:13*

I will present myself to God for righteousness. *Romans 6:13*

I've been redeemed, delivered, set free and am now a slave of righteousness. *Romans 6:17-18*

I know and believe that my redemption has been settled for all eternity. *Hebrews 9:12*

Thank You Father for redeeming me through Jesus Christ. *Romans 3:24*

I also know and believe that I have been made alive in Christ and raised to sit in heavenly places in Christ, far above all demonic power. *Ephesians 2:5-6*

I know and believe that I have been given authority in Christ to trample over all the power of the enemy and every demonic spirit. *Luke 10:19-20*.

I know and believe that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. *Philippians 4:13*

I know and believe that Christ in me is greater than anything in the world. *1 John 4:4*

I know and believe that my faith in Christ gives me the overcoming victory from this world.
1 John 5:4

Thank you Father that I have the victory through Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

Discussion Questions

1. How is the power available to us greater than the power of creation?
2. Ephesians 2:4-6 says that God “made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.” What kind of exalted position does that give you over earthly circumstances?
3. Have you ever considered that the power and position that God gives us in Christ is about restoring to us the dominion we lost through the fall in the Garden? Discuss.
4. When we gird up our loins with truth — we are protecting our reproductive parts. What spiritual parts of yourself do you need to reproduce more? Or lies that you need to not reproduce?
5. What is one particular Truth in the scriptures above that speaks to you?

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