

Jesus has already defeated Satan when He died on the Cross and rose the third day. Jesus has won the war, we are merely fighting the battles. Our confidence to resist Satan rests solely in the victory of Jesus over Satan. Our strategy to resist Satan is the Word of God. When we submit ourselves to God and answer the enemy with God's Word, we can resist the devil. Our human effort is helpless against Satan. We must rely on the victory of Jesus and use His word to resist the enemy.

- 1 John 4:4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.
- 1 John 5:3-5 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
- James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- 1 Cor 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

Putting on the Armor of God

We are to prepare ourselves for battle by learning and knowing the Word of God (the full armor of God). We are to stand firm by faith (our shield) when in battle and use only the Word of God (our sword). We are to pray and be on alert at all times. By knowing the Word, we will recognize the enemy and we can resist Satan.

- Eph 6:10-20 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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*. 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. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints - and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Discussion Item 1: *Who has won the war and why can you resist Satan?*

Discussion Item 2: *Are you to defeat Satan or resist Satan?*

Life Application: *Put specific Scripture on the previous page to memory or regular reading for a particular struggle in your life in order to resist Satan.*

Helpful Definition:

submit - To yield or surrender (oneself) to the will or authority of another. To be submissive or resigned; to yield without murmuring. (Webster)

Notes:

Proverb 10:25 When the whirlwind passes by, the wicked *is* no *more*, But the righteous *has* an everlasting foundation.

Psalms 60:11 Give us help from trouble, For the help of man *is* useless.