

## "HAVING DONE ALL, STAND"

Eph. 6:10-20

## INTRODUCTION:

1. This weeks issue Christianity Today carried a story about a Chinese minister being released after 18 yrs in prison. He had left a church of 300 which was now 5000. Besides, there were some 20,000 in house churches in the area. What fabric there is in the faith of these Chinese people.
2. Paul would wish we had the courage to stand like they did.
3. We are in a real warfare with Satan: (He IS)
  - . The accuser - Rev. 12:7-11
  - . The perverter of God's word - Matt. 4:3
  - . The roaring Lion - I Peter 5:8
  - . The serpent - Gen. 3:1/Rev. 12:6
  - . An angel of Light - II Cor. 11:13-15
  - . Of this world/Blinds minds - II Cor. 4:4
  - . Snares the wicked - I Tim. 3:
  - . Prince of the world - John 16:
  - . Prince of the power of the air - Eph. 2:
  - . Prince of Demons - Luke 11:
  - . Lucifer fallen - Isaiah 14:12-15
  - . Perverted 1/3 of the armies of heaven - Rev. 12:4
  - . Has many helpers - Eph. 6:12
  - . Controls these beings - Daniel 10:13-20
  - . He is a thief who steals, kills, destroys - John 10:10
  - . The arch deceiver - Eph. 4:4
4. Watchman Nee the Chinese believer wrote "Sit, Walk,- Stand".
  - A. Sit together in the heavenlies.
  - B. Walk worthily
  - C. Stand against the devil.
5. To do this we are given..
  - A. The posture - Stand
  - B. The panoply - Armor
  - C. The power - Prayer

## DISCUSSION:

I. POSTURE - "STAND" v:10-13

- A. We are defending territory taken.
- B. We must develop stronger wills.

II. PANOPLY - "ARMOR" (song - Soldiers of Christ Arise) v:14-17

- A. Paul copied a Roman soldier.
- B. Define the pieces of armor.
- C. Jesus is the armor.
  - 1. Belt of Truth - John 14:6.
  - 2. Breastplate of Righteousness - II Cor. 5:21
  - 3. Boots of Peace - Eph. 2:14
  - 4. Shield of Faith - Gal. 2:20
  - 5. Helmet of Salvation - Luke 2:30
  - 6. Word/Sword - John 1:1 and 14

\* "If we put Him on - we put it on."

III. POWER - "PRAYER" v:18-20

- A. In the spirit - Rom. 8:26
- B. At all times
- C. All kinds of prayer - II Tim. 2:1, Phil. 4:6
  - 1. Prayer
  - 2. Petition
  - 3. Intercession
  - 4. Thanksgiving
- D. For all Saints

## CONCLUSION: This is tough, but:

- 1. God IDed us.
- 2. God informed us.
- 3. God equipped us.
- 4. God empowered us.

## SOLDIERS OF CHRIST ARISE

Soldiers of Christ arise and put your armor on;  
Strong in the strength which God supplies  
Strong in the strength which God supplies  
Through His beloved Son.

Strong in the Lord of hosts, And in His mighty power;  
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts,  
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts,  
Is more than conqueror.

Stand, then, in His great might, With all His strength endued;  
But take to arm you for the fight,  
But take to arm you for the fight,  
The panoply of God.

Leave no unguarded place, No weakness of the soul;  
Take every virtue, every grace,  
Take every virtue, every grace,  
And fortify the whole.

That having all things done, And all your conflicts past,  
You may o'ercome through Christ alone,  
You may o'ercome through Christ alone,  
And stand entire at last.