

The Encourager

FAITH • FELLOWSHIP • SERVICE

FRONT ROYAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Encouraging one another • Growing together in Christ

SUNDAY • OCTOBER 18, 2026

10:00 AM Bible Study • 11:00 AM Worship • 2:00 PM Worship

WELCOME

We're so glad you're here! Whether you are a longtime member, a returning friend, or worshiping with us for the first time, you are warmly welcomed at the Front Royal Church of Christ. We pray that our time together will encourage your heart, strengthen your faith, and draw you closer to God.

If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to fill out a visitor card so we may have a record of your visit and an opportunity to get to know you better. If there is any way we can serve you, pray for you, or assist you in your walk with God, please let us know. Thank you for being with us today!

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up." — 1 Thessalonians 5:11

WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study — 10:00 AM Classes and Bible study for spiritual growth and encouragement. 1Kings 4

Morning Worship — 11:00 AM Worship through prayer, singing, Scripture, the Lord's Supper, giving, and the preaching of God's Word, Standing Strong with the Armor of God.

Afternoon Worship — 2:00 PM Worship, fellowship, and another opportunity to study God's Word, Christian Meditation.

Wednesday Bible Study — 7:00 PM Join us midweek for Bible study, fellowship, and spiritual encouragement. Ephesians 6.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

*Please remember in prayer: Linda Sullivan (surgery), Debbie Martin (surgery) Remember all members in prayer.

We must pray for all men. — 1Timothy 2:1

* Potluck every Sunday after morning worship. All are welcome.

* November 26th, Thanksgiving dinner at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring covered dish to share. All are welcome.

***PLEASE NO FOOD OR DRINKS IN THE AUDITORIUM!!**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: Laura Higgins – 10/8, Nate Edwards – 10/9, Marian Lozier – 10/31

Anniversaries: None this month

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, Ephesians 6:10-11

BIBLE TRIVIA

Question: Who said that whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire?

Answer: Jesus - Matthew 5:22

MEN SERVING TODAY

SONG LEADER – David Born

PM SONG LEADER – Cyric Edwards

OPENING PRAYER – Nate Edwards

TABLE – Mike McCool

SERVE – T.K. Edwards

CLOSING PRAYER – Cyric Edwards

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Standing Strong with the Armor of God

(Ephesians 6:10-24)

INTRODUCTION

1. "Finally, my brethren..." - With these words Paul begins to draw his epistle to a close.
2. To effectively carry out our "purpose", Paul's final concern is that the Christian be "strong"
3. In this lesson, the last of this series on Ephesians, we shall consider what Paul has to say about **"Standing Strong with the Armor of God"**

I. THE SOURCE OF THIS STRENGTH (10-11a)

- A. THIS STRENGTH COMES FROM THE LORD, NOT OURSELVES...
 1. Note that Paul says..."be strong IN THE LORD" - "in the power OF HIS MIGHT"
 2. Paul states that there is "strength" and "power" available for the Christian beyond their own!
- B. THIS STRENGTH COMES FROM "THE ARMOR OF GOD"...
 1. It is "armor" that GOD supplies
 2. It is "armor" that we must "put on", i.e., it is not something we have in of ourselves

The point is, we are not left to our own feeble strength, but there is "divine strength" that we can "put on" to protect us in the "battles" we must face.

II. THE NEED FOR THIS STRENGTH (11b-13)

- A. TO STAND AGAINST THE WILES OF THE DEVIL...
 1. Satan has various "wiles" (lit., cunning arts, deceit, craft, trickery), but Christians need not be ignorant of his "devices" - cf. 2Co 2:11
 2. For example, some of Satan's "schemes" are: Blinding people via false doctrine - 2Co 4:3-4; 1Ti 4:1-3, enticing people to indulge in illicit desires of the flesh and mind - Ep 2:1-3 and bringing persecution upon those who try to do right - 1 Pe 5:8-9
 3. Only with the Lord's help can we overcome the wicked one - 2Th 3:3; 1Jn 2:13-14
- B. TO WRESTLE AGAINST "SPIRITUAL HOSTS OF WICKEDNESS"...
 1. Not only Satan, but we battle against: Principalities and powers, rulers of the darkness of this age and spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.
 2. There are demonic forces at play. While I do not believe demonic "possession" exists today as it did in the days of Christ... there are certainly demonic "influences", such as "doctrines of demons" - 1Ti 4:1-3

We may not fully understand how the "rulers of the darkness" operate, but clearly, we see the need for all the strength God provides us to "stand" against such forces.

III. THE NATURE OF THIS STRENGTH (14-20)

- A. IT IS THE "WHOLE" ARMOR OF GOD...
- B. THE "WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD" INVOLVES...
 1. TRUTH, which serves like a belt. 2. RIGHTEOUSNESS, which guards like a breastplate. 3. THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, which is crucial to our ability to "stand". 4. FAITH, which is like a shield. 5. SALVATION, which is like a helmet. 6. THE WORD OF GOD, which is the "sword of the Spirit". 7. PRAYER, how we remain "watchful"

CONCLUSION

1. When we arm ourselves with such qualities as...Truth, Righteousness, The gospel, Faith, The hope of salvation, The word of God and Prayer ...then we are "strong in the Lord and in the power of His might"! - Ep 6:10
2. With such strength, we can resist and stand firm against anything Satan might throw against us

Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible. Ephesians 6:23-24

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