

2. AUTHORITY FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS STANDING IN THE ARMOUR

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Joel 3:9-10 Proclaim this among the nations:— “Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near, let them come up.¹⁰ Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, ‘I am strong.’ ”

Isaiah 60:1-3 Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.² For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; BUT the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.³ The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising

Psalm 2:1-12 Ref.

1. The gates of hell cannot prevail against the End Time Church

Jesus Christ has been building His church for 2000 years – the gates of hell cannot prevail against it

Matthew 16:18 ... on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it

‘Gates’ – ... speaks of Satan’s governing authority ...

The church Jesus Christ is building ... is powerful - 2 Thess 2:7-8 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way⁸ and then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

Matthew 16:18-19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

2. The church is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets

Ephesian 2:20

...having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,

Apostles, prophets, Christ ... is talking about a ‘governmental’ authority

Ephesians 4:11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,¹³ till we all come ... , to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

3. Isaiah 9 talks about Christ’s governing authority.

Isaiah 9:6-7 BSV For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be upon His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and sustain it with justice and righteousness from that time and forevermore.

4. The church has been called to function in governing authority

- i. We have the same Holy Spirit who was upon Jesus Christ ...
- ii. We have been given God’s Armour so we can stand...

Isaiah 59:16-17 He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; and His own righteousness, it sustained Him. ¹⁷ For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.

Revelation 1:16 ... out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword,

- i. Jesus stood against all the forces of hell dressed in the armour of God!
- ii. He has given us His armour ... and told us to ... STAND

Ephesians 6:10-11 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

5. Standing in the whole ARMOUR of God – what that looks like

Ephesians 6:12-17 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.

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. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your **waist with truth**, having put on the **breastplate of righteousness**, ¹⁵ and having shod your **feet** with the preparation of the **gospel of peace**; ¹⁶ **above all, taking the shield of faith** with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the **helmet of salvation**, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ **praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit**, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

i. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth (V14)

John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. **Your Word is truth.**

John 8:31-32 If you abide in My Word, ... ³² **And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**

– KNOW who God is – He is a GOOD GOD

Psalms 103:2-5 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and **forget not all His benefits**: 3 Who **forgives all** your iniquities, Who **heals all** your diseases, 4 Who **redeems your life from destruction**, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, 5 Who **satisfies your mouth with good things**, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Revelation 12:10-11 ... , for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. ¹¹ And **they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb** and by the **Word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.**

– KNOW – You have been delivered from the powers of darkness and transfer into the kingdom of God (Col 1:13)

ii. Having put on the Breast plate of RIGHTEOUSNESS (V14)

2 Corinthians 5:16-18 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. ¹⁷ Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.** ¹⁸ Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

2 Corinthians 5:21 KJV ... we might be **made the righteousness of God** in him.

- I have been **made the righteousness** of God in Christ ...
- I'm no longer a sinner, I'm a saint ... I am a NEW CREATION ... I am **sealed** with the Holy Spirit ...
- God has raised me up with Christ, made us **heir of God**, a joint heir with Christ.

iii. SHOD YOUR FEET with the preparation of the gospel of peace (V15)

Romans 8: 1 ... therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus

2 Corinthians 5:18 ... **has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ**

iv. **Above all, taking the SHIELD OF FAITH with which you will be able to QUENCH ALL the fiery darts of the wicked one.** (V16)

v. **Take the HELMET OF SALVATION,** (V 17)

Proverbs 4:23 Guard your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,...*

Romans 8:15-17 *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption ... 16 ... we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, ...*

vi. **Take the SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, which is the Word of God; (V18)**

2 Corinthians 1:20 *For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen,*

vii. **PRAYING ALWAYS WITH ALL PRAYER...in the Spirit, being WATCHFUL (18)**

Mark 13:34 *It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch.*

6. **Watch over the place and people where God has put you**

Romans 8:26-28 ... *For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.. 27 ... 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*

Joshua 7:13 NIV *“Go, consecrate the people. Tell them, ‘Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow; for this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: There are devoted things among you, Israel. You cannot stand against your enemies until you remove them.*

<p>Jeremiah 1:5-10 ... ¹⁰ <i>See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant.”</i></p>
