

# BECOMING A PEOPLE OF GRACE: AN EXPOSITION OF EPHESIANS

## STANDING FIRM AGAINST SATANIC SCHEMES

### EPHESIANS 6:10–13



### The Heart of the Matter

When we entered into the Christian life, we didn't step onto a playground; we walked into a battleground. We may not have heard the bombs bursting in the distance or seen the flash of the bayonets right in front of us, but we have most certainly been in harm's way. Satan's schemes are many, and while we don't often speak of them, we must always be on the alert to protect ourselves against them. Thankfully, God has graciously given us the means to defend ourselves against the attacks of the Evil One, a topic Paul raised near the end of his letter to the Ephesians.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. Our Strength Is in the Lord (Ephesians 6:10)

The strength for the battle comes not from within ourselves but from God who gives us the power to resist.

#### 2. Our Protection Is in the Lord's Armor (Ephesians 6:11)

Recognizing the threat against His people, God has provided us armor that we might stand firm amidst the attacks of Satan.

#### 3. Our Strategy Responds to Satanic Methods (Ephesians 6:12–13)

While Satan is alive and well, we can take comfort in four particular limits to his destructive work. First, no satanic assault is stronger than the Lord God. Second, no satanic scheme can penetrate the armor of God. Third, no satanic mafia can defeat the work of God. Finally, no satanic evil can withstand the prayers of God's people.



### Starting Your Journey

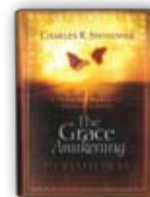
We live in a world where Satan regularly marshals attacks against believers; therefore, we must support one another through regular prayer.



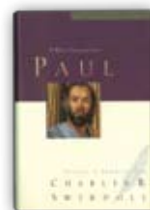
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