

FINDING FREEDOM

Free from Other Powers

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ~ Ephesians 6:10-13

1. Understanding the War

*Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.
~ Ephesians 5:11*

Spiritual world is real.

*And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down--that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.
~ Revelation 12:7-9*

Spiritual warfare is real.

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith... ~ 1 Peter 5:8-9

Dark powers have real power.

*Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.
~ Ephesians 4:26-27*

Dark power is subject to God.

*For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.
~ 2 Corinthians 10:3-4*

2. Christ has Freed Us from the Powers of this World

This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him. ~ Colossians 2:14-15

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one Who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ~ 1 John 4:4

3. Understand Your Weapons

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ~ 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

The Name of Jesus

Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ~ Philippians 2:9-11

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. ~ Romans 10:13

The Decision of Renunciation

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ~ James 4:7

The Word of God

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ~ Ephesians 6:14-17

The Cross of Christ

“Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.” ~ Revelation 1:17-18