

## Your Standard In Christ

### **The Spirit's standard- Having an uncompromising standard.**

The world today is eaten up by evil works and every one tends to draw closer to this works of darkness, because of their ambitions and desires... which leads them into temptations.

As a believer your first priority is the interest of God and that is determined by your conduct. People will recognize you for your uprightness(Good Conduct) and not your righteous words. it is uprightness that promotes righteousness. When the patterns of your walk(conduct) is compromised, you will have no standard to resist the devil and his corruption when he comes.

**Isaiah 59:19b** kJV *-When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of God shall lift up a **standard** against him.*

A standard in Christ brings you to the realm of the supernatural. The Spirit of God has a standard which is against the wiles of the devil. As a believer, you have that same standard to resist, win and overcome your enemies. The floods of the enemy are the trials and tribulations of life.

Through the Spirit of God, we have access to the spiritual standard of God in order to stand against the enemy.

The standard of the spirit is like an impenetrable, indestructible wall and no flood of the devil can pass through.

The Spiritual Standard of a believer is focused on walking in the Spirit, not in the flesh: Allowing the Spirit dominate the flesh. It's either the Spirit cages the flesh or the flesh cages the spirit, in anyway one must be weak. Jesus said: The Spirit is willing but the flesh is weak -That means the flesh can't cooperate with the spirit. ***“for if ye live after the flesh, ye must die; but if by the Spirit ye put to death the deeds of the body, ye shall live. Romans 8:13 “But I say, Walk by the***

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**Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are contrary the one to the other; that ye may not do the things that ye would.” Galatians 5:16-17**

The Standard gives you access to the supernatural through the faith of God in you and when you have this access, you have authority beyond your imaginations. An authority is a power given, to dominate and control.

**“Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any wise hurt you.” Luke 10:19 ASV**

*“For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.” Ephesians 6:12 ASV*

Many Christians perish in the hands of the enemy because of their **ignorance of the** knowledge of God, in them. *Ignorance will make you ignore the Holy Spirit who has been given to the **true believers**.* The flood is meant to drown you. **“And the serpent cast out of his mouth after the woman water as a river (flood), that he might cause her to be carried away by the stream.”**

**Revelation 12:15 ASV**

The reason for the enemy’s floods, is to cause you to be carried away and be drowned by the trials and temptations faced, and you can only be carried away when you don’t walk in the spirit. The problem of most believers is that they don’t walk in the spirit, and they end up walking in the flesh; becoming consumed with things of the flesh: so when trials and tribulations arise they are carried away because there is no spiritual wall that stops the floods (trials and temptations). Understand that the Spirit isn’t tempted but the flesh and tribulations doesn’t hit the spirit but the flesh. So if you are not of the spirit it is difficult to overcome when you are of the flesh. The enemy will surely come in like a flood and you must build your wall before hand “Prepare”. The Spirit of God is always ready to lift up a standard against the devil, are you willing to walk with the spirit of God?

**“If we live by the Spirit, by the Spirit let us also walk Galatians 5:25**

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A standard makes you stand firm, it gives you the confidence of the supernatural.

Fear comes as a result of lack of faith, doubt, double mindedness... The Holy Spirit is received by faith and so when there's no faith there is no standard against the devil. Faith is the shield of a believer and if that shield isn't well built by the blacksmith which is the word of God, it won't be able to raise a standard (stand firm). *“withal taking up the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one.”*

*Ephesians 6:16 ASV*

KJV says: "above all put on the shield of faith". Among all other spiritual weapons, Faith is the most important that must be carried on and kept closely. *“Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” Ephesians 6:11*

This now brings us to the armor of God which is the spiritual weapons of war for a believer. *“(for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God to the casting down of strongholds; 2 Corinthians 10:4 ASV*

The armors are used to set standards that the enemy can't overcome. For more about the armors of God- {Download **Spiritual Authority** [@Faith Books]}.

The word of God is the basis for everything; it is like a **source of power**, just like a generator, it gives powers to different outlet:

- **The Word of Truth**
- **The Word of Righteousness**
- **The Word of Peace**
- **The Word of Faith**
- **The Word of Grace(Salvation)**
- **The Word of Power(Spirit's sword)...**

“Wherefore take up the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with **truth**, and having put on the breastplate of **righteousness**, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of **peace**; withal taking up the shield of **faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of **salvation**, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God.” *Ephesians 6:13-17 ASV*

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*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God. And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us** (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), **full of grace and truth.**”*

**John 1:1, 14 ASV**

**Christ is the totality of God’s word “All Combined”.** If you read the scriptures above, you will find out that Jesus Christ is God, because he was full of the totality of the Word (the word gave birth to creation). And out of the word came the faith, truth, righteousness, peace, power and grace of Christ. God became Trinity for men to live in Purity -The Father the Son and the HolySpirit. *“All things have been delivered unto me of my Father: and no one knoweth the Son, save the Father; **neither doth any know the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son willeth to reveal him.**”* **Matthew 11:27 ASV**

Jesus gave us the HolySpirit so we will operate by the spirit of God. The Spirit of God reveals the knowledge of God which is from the Totality of God’s word “Christ Jesus”. The HolySpirit is given to them that are obedient to God’s word (**The true believers**)-*“**And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey him.**”* **Acts 5:32**

God’s desires you to access His arsenal through His Knowledge. ‘When there’s no war, there’s no need for weapons of war: This is the mentality of an unbelieving believer’. Know that when things are going smoothly, you must even be more prepared (stronger) than when things are going roughly. The enemy’s aim is to disarm you without your knowing (unprepared) and by that you go down in your Spiritual life. Remember that prayer is the last armor but it’s very effective to a believer. so even if the enemy comes like a flood, you mustn’t let him take away your prayer life because it is the last hope of the believer. Note that Prayer is an act of seeking God, and also requires an active faith and this faith comes by the knowledge of God.

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**Conclusion:** To walk in the life of Christ, you must walk in the word of God. You can't walk in the way of God and also walk in the way of men. To walk with the armors, you must cutoff the arm of envy, pride, lust and every evil and unfruitful works of darkness. The armors will then begin to work for you when you put them on. Don't let Darkness become a hindrance to the Light in you Heart, because evil works hinders God's armors from being effective even when you have access to them. **“The night is far spent, and the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk becomingly, as in the day; not in revelling and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and jealousy. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.”** Romans 13:12-14 ASV

To resist the flesh, you must walk in the spirit. The Spirit carries the armor of God and it is with that, you can be able to lift up a standard against the enemy. **“Be subject therefore unto God; but resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”**

James 4:7 ASV

The Spirit carries **God's word** (The standard) and **God's word is truth**, so therefore the **spirit of truth guides us into all truth** (as it is written).

Set the standard, don't let it get compromised and live with joy in Christ...

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