

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- January 19, 2017
"Stand Up For Jesus"

Oftentimes, the scripture compares this life to a battle. The Christian as a soldier warning against the foe. The well-beloved hymn of the last century "Stand Up For Jesus" reflects this theme. It was inspired by the dying words of a young pastor, Dudley Tyng, who was fatally injured in a tragic accident.

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the Cross.
Lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss.*

It the Old Testament, the soldier needed physical armor and weapons – but even more important, he needed the covenant protection of God. Today, the New Testament Christian soldier must fight, but not in a physical sense. Instead, the Christian is involved in spiritual warfare (See Ephesians 6:12). We are promised safety and victories if we "put on the whole armor of God."

The source of our Salvation and Victory is the same. Our "Gospel Armor" includes "Truth...Righteousness...Peace...Faith...Salvation...and the Word of God" (Ephesians 6:14-17). We put on our armor for daily protection through the avenue of prayer – "Having done all – STAND!" Stand up for Jesus!

Have a blessed week.
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