

Faith Christian Fellowship
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Walk in Truth 10
Stand, Withstand, Stand, and Stand!!

Text: 3 Jn 1:4 / Eph 6:10-14

Ephesians lets us know that before we can walk, we first have to sit. Once we are seated, then we can walk. We looked at walking worthy of our calling, and getting free from a Gentile mind. We learned to imitate God and walk in love. We began to talk about Walking in the Light: The light of the Word, the light of love, and the light of the Spirit, conscience and the inward witness. Our last stage of walking is to walk in wisdom. First in personal relationships, then toward the world

Once we have learned to walk, it is time to learn to stand!!! Notice how Paul presents the “finally” to the book: Eph 6:10-14 Stand, withstand, stand, and stand.

❖ **Where do we stand?** Strong in the Lord and in the power of His might

- We have entered into a place called grace. We can stand there and rejoice! Rom 5:1-2.
- The Gospel is a the ground on which we stand 1Co 15:1-2
- I stand firm in the grace: It is not anything I did or can do. By His grace
 - I am headed for Heaven
 - He will teach me as I go
 - He has called me for a purpose
 - He equips me for my call

❖ **What do we stand for and against?**

- The darkness of our culture: If we aren't light, who will be? Mat 5:14-16 / 2Co 10:3-5 MSG The world is unprincipled. It's dog-eat-dog out there! The world doesn't fight fair. But we don't live or fight our battles that way--never have and never will. (4) The tools of our trade aren't for marketing or manipulation, but they are for demolishing that entire massively corrupt culture. (5) We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ.
- The wiles of the devil – He is a liar and the father of it John 8:44
 - Wiles are tricks. He is a tricky devil.
 - Mk 4:14-20 He comes for the Word

- He attacks with unbelief (Rom 11:20 / Heb 3:12) (Hath God said...)
- Offense: 2Co 2:10-11.
- Worry about this life: 1Pe 5:6-7
- Desires for other things: 2Ti 4:10
- The money lie: 1Ti 6:8-10

❖ **How do we stand?**

- Not by pride or self-effort or brilliance: (I it starts to feel like a lot of work and struggle, then maybe you are trying to do it yourself! Matt 11:28-30) / 1Co 10:12 / 1Co 8:1-3
- We stand by faith: Rom 11:20 / 2Co 1:24
- Faith Stands!!!
 - **Find the Promise:** 1Jn 5:14
 - **Believe the Promise:** Romans 10:17
 - **Receive the Promise:** Mar 11:24
 - **Speak the Promise:** 2Co 4:13 **Resist the Liar:**
 - **Eph 5:13 withstand in the evil day** anthistēmi. Jas 4:7 / 1Pe 5:9 / Matt 4:1-11. “It is written.”
 - **Listen to the Lord** and do what He says:
 - James 1:5 NLT If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.
 - John 2:5 His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."
 - **Rejoice** in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Phil 4:4

**Be sure you put your feet in the
right place,
then stand firm.**
Abraham Lincoln