

Lesson 116 Answers and Comments

Love	his	rebel	forsake
Peace	word	LORD	
With	heart	with	
Peace	burning	builded	
With	fire	habitation	
Peace	could	God	
With	not	Spirit	
Peace	faith	Lord	
Great	hearing	with	
Love	word	strengthened	
Loved	God	Lord	
Love	fire	stood	
Died	hammer	afraid	
Peace	with	with	
Himself	Christ	thee	
Peace	in	meet	
All	you	with	
With	with	commune	
Fruit	in	with	
Spirit	God	mercy	
Love	liveth	seat	
Peace	me	presence	
Gentleness	temple	with	
Goodness	in	with	
Meekness	with	with	
Mention	holy	thee	
Speak	Spirit	fail	

The only way for the exhortations “be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, and live in peace” to be a living reality in our lives is to avail ourselves of the infinite supply of love and peace found in the God of love and peace who is with us!

Lesson 117 Finally # 2

Eph. 6:10 “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.”

The book of Ephesians is so rich in glorious mystery truth that it leaves the believer breathless with wonder at all that pertains to his glorious position “in Christ.”

But before Paul closes this “heavenly” epistle he reminds the believer of his warfare, the conflict that we each face against Satan and his attempt to thwart the plan of God.

Satan is as real a person as any other in the Bible, and the battle we fight just as true. We need to be prepared or as our verse says “strong”.

What is the opposite of strong? _____ Yes, weak. It is true that every believer is _____ in Christ according to Col. 2:10 “And ye are _____ in _____.”

But Bible doctrine is needed to impart strength. In I Cor. 3:1-3 we see that Paul only fed the Corinthians _____ and not _____ because he considered them _____ in Christ. In Heb. 5:12-14, vs. 13 “For every one that useth _____ is _____ in the _____ of righteousness: for he is a _____. Vs. 14 But _____ belongeth to them that are of full _____, even those who by reason of _____ have their senses _____ to discern both good and evil.”

I Pet. 2:2 “As newborn _____ desire the sincere _____ of the _____, that ye may _____ thereby:”

Our verse says “Be strong...”

In order to step into the ring and be victorious you must have made preparations. Do you walk onto the wrestling mat and then start to wonder about what’s needed to defeat you opponent?? As believers, we need to “be strong”.

Is Paul talking about physical strength? Mental prowess? Quick thinking? Strong personality? Calm reserve? Emotional fortitude? If so, we could rightly plead deficiency. “I can’t, I’m unable, I’m lacking, I come up short.”

There are no exceptions to Paul’s exhortation, it’s to all believer’s alike, equally, “Be strong...”

How can this be? We’re all different, we all have limitations!

Not when it comes to what we are strong in!

“...Be strong in _____.” Eph. 6:10

Remember what we said about all believers being complete in Christ? Strength comes from how much you know and are persuaded of this grand and glorious truth!! What you know about being complete in Christ doesn’t change the fact that you are complete, it just makes you STRONG!

Be strong, in the _____. Know Him. Paul says in Phil. 3:10, “That I may _____.”

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In Phil. 3:8 we read, "Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the _____ of the _____ of _____ my _____..."

How wonderful that passage in Jer. 9:23-24, "...Let not the _____ man glory in _____, neither let the _____ man glory in his _____, let not the _____ glory in his _____: vs. 24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he _____ and _____, that I am the _____ which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD."

In every dispensation it has always been about knowing the LORD! Who He is! What His will is! What He has done!

John 17:3 "And this is eternal life, that they might _____ thee the only true God, and _____, whom thou has sent."

II Cor. 4:6 "For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the _____ of the _____ of the glory of God in the _____ of _____."

I John 5:20, "...that we may _____ him that is _____, and we are in him that is true, even in his _____ . This is the _____, and _____."

My friend you can not know the true God without knowing Jesus Christ!

We are strong in Christ when we know Him!!

But how are you and I to know him, to "be strong in him" in the dispensation of grace in which we live??

Rom. 16:25 "Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the _____ of _____ according to the _____ of the _____..."

Paul reveals some things about our Lord that were previously "kept secret." Same verse "...which was _____ since the _____"

Are we to be strong in the Lord as we know Him as Israel's Messiah, the coming King, the Avenger of Israel, the Deliverer of Israel, the babe in the manger? NO! NO! NO!

Do not misunderstand what Paul is teaching here. We should know all we can learn about our Lord, but our strength in the Lord today will only come from knowing Him as Paul reveals him!

II Cor. 5:16 "Wherefore henceforth _____ we no man after the _____: yea, though we have _____ after the _____, yet _____ henceforth _____ we _____ more."

We are complete in Christ. Do we know Him? What did He do? How is this position possible?

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In Eph. 1:3 we are blessed with all _____ in Christ.

Eph. 1:5 we are adopted, children by Jesus Christ.

Eph. 1:6 "...he hath made us _____ in the _____."

Eph. 1:7 "_____ we have _____ through his blood, the _____ of _____."

Eph. 2:6 "And hath _____ us up together, and made us _____ together in _____ places in _____."

Eph. 2:13 "But now _____ ...are made _____ by the blood of Christ."

Eph. 2:18 "For _____ him we both have _____ by one Spirit unto the _____."

I can hardly keep my pen on the paper!

"Be strong in the Lord..."

Know Him! Know Him! Know Him!

I need to take a breather. See you next time as we finish our verse "...and in the power of his might."

We will also examine II Cor. 12:10 where we read that, "when I am weak, then am I strong." We will see how this fits with our admonition to "Be strong".