The Christian's Stand

Ephesians 6.11-14

Introduction: In our text the word "stand" is used three times, and the word "withstand" is used once. One definition of the word "stand" means, "come to a stop, cease to advance." We might tell someone to stand there or stand still. That isn't the meaning in this text. Christianity is pictured in terms of the athlete, soldier, and worker in the vineyard. Each is active in their endeavors. Another meaning of the word "stand" is "resist" or, "oppose." Such as take your stand or he made his stand. What the text is teaching is that Christians will take a "stand" for something. This lesson will focus on the Christian's stand.

**I ) A Christian Stands Against Something.**

**A) He stands or resist the devil, 1 Peter 5.8-9**

1. He seeks to devour and we are to be aware of his presence, influence.

2. If we resist he will flee from us**, James 4.7.**

**B) Stand against wrong.**

1. Stand against sin and the sinner, **1 Timothy 5.20.**

a. We are to seek to help, have the proper attitude.

b. We are not to condone or enable the sinner.

2. Lust, and using our bodies as instruments of sin, **Romans 6.12-13, 1 Cor. 9.27.**

**C) False doctrine, Titus 1.9.**

1. False doctrine will cause people to be lost.

2. Will present itself against the truth.

**II) A Christian Stand For Something**

**A) For the gospel of Christ, Phil. 1.17.**

1. There are people who believed the truth but would not stand for it, **John 12.42.**

2. To stand for the gospel means to accept it and defend it, **Jude 3.**

**B) For everything virtuous, Phil. 4.8.**

1. Virtue is moral excellence, that which is morally right.

2. This means we live virtuously, morally upright lives. Holding on to that which is good.

3. He is ashamed of the Gospel, Christ, or His church.

**III) A Christian Stands Upon Something**

**A) God's word, it is his authority, Psalm 119.89**

1. What says the scriptures? How does the scriptures read?

2. The Bible is not simply a suggestion book from God but His instructions to us.

**B) The Scriptures cannot be broken, John 10.35**

1. What the Bible says is it. Settles the matter, no if, ands, or buts about it.

2. Basis his beliefs and actions on the Bible.

**C) Promises of God, 2 Peter 1.4; 3.9.**

**IV) A Christian Stands In Something**

**A) The Grace of God, 1 Peter 5.12; Romans5.2.**

1. The grace of God is available to all mankind but not all will accept it.

2. They remain outside of God's blessings.

**B) The Gospel, 1 Corinthians 15.1.**

1. He accepts the Gospel and renders obedience to it.

**C) The faith, 1 Corinthians16.13**

1. Faith is an active ingredient in the Christians life.

2. Faith and works goes together in **James 2.24.**

Conclusion: In the words of Moses in the long ago, "Who is one the Lord's side?" Who will stand with God? Obey the Lord today and take your stand for Him.