

## STAND FIRM 4- ARMED & DANGEROUS

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Standing In Your Inheritance in Christ, Part 36

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**MAIN IDEA:** Your thoughts are the primary target in the spiritual battle. If they can be manipulated, you can be easily steered away from God and His purposes. Today... ***how to prevail in the battle for your thoughts.***

**PREFACE:** The Battle is already won.

**PREFACE:** “Powers” No need to fear!

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. **Ephesians 6:17**

**Helmet of Salvation:** Protecting your mind and thoughts

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The battlefield is your mind...

- **Salvation already received**
- **Salvation which is to come** HOPE!

“the hope of salvation as a helmet.” **1 Thess. 5:8** (Gal. 5:5; Phil 3:10, 20; 1 Thess. 4:16; 1 Pet. 1:3-4; 3:13)

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.  
**2 Corinthians 10:4–5**

**Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God:** Attack and Defend.

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**Word- *logos*** (written word, Bible; 2 Tim. 3:16)

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. **Hebrews 4:12**

**Word- *logos*** (Jesus; Jn. 1:1-3 cf 11:25 Rev; 14:6, Way)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. **John 1:14**

**Word- *rhema*** (spoken)

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life... Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. **John 6:63, 68**

For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you **John 17:8** ESV

...to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, **Ephesians 5:26**

Matthew 4:4; Luke 1:37; Luke 3:2; John 3:34; 8:47; 14:10; 15:7; Romans 10:17; Hebrews 1:3; 1 Peter 1:23–25

**HOW?**

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- **STOW it**

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. **Psalms 119:11** ESV (Luke 2:19)

- **KNOW it**

“If you abide [make your home in] in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will *know* the truth, and the truth will set you free.” **John 8:31–32** ESV

- **YIELD to it**

“Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching.” **John 14:23**

- **WIELD it** (speak it)

**Matthew 4:1-11**