



I die daily

Gird up the loins of your mind..... we just don't talk like this anymore do we. What does that even mean. Take courage from the display of God's love, and though you must expect trials, fortify your minds with the thought that the one who has given you His son, will not withhold good from you. When you think of "fortifying" your mind, the first thing that comes to my mind is a military term. It's making preparation for battle. And that's exactly what is meant here by it.

We are not of this world. As a born again believer you are a part of the army of God. Spiritual warfare is a very real part of that experience. You know the scriptures that speak plainly, "we fight not against flesh and blood, but against powers and principalities of powers". One of the greatest battlefields we will face will be those of our mind. Whether it's the battle of doubt, a real battle right? Or the battle of oppressive thoughts, or anything along those lines. We need to "gird up the loins of our mind" Fortify your thinking. Put on that full armor. It's the shield of faith that will block the enemies attacks. We need to know

who we are in Christ. It's important to meditate on those things, and to begin our days by not just getting physically dressed, but spiritually dressed as well.

“My people suffer, for a lack of knowledge”. How many people suffer at the hands of the enemy? How many suffer unnecessarily? The enemy doesn't have power over the believer, at least no power, unless we yield to him. We have the promises of God, we have His covenant, we have been adopted into His family, and we have been assured with the receiving of His Spirit. But when we doubt, when we refuse or neglect the proper spiritual preparation, we open ourselves up for bigger battles with our flesh, and certainly with the spiritual oppressor in this world. It's a firm foundation to understand who you are in Christ. Believing the truth..... and that truth is, we don't fight alone. That truth is, He will never leave us nor forsake us, that truth is “ASK what you will”. There are many truths that rest in God and the relationship we have with Him. That's how you fortify. You fortify your minds in Him. There is strength in the word of God, in the promises that are given. It's not an empty belief, but it's faith in the Creator. That faith is not unmerited. That faith THE faith, is sure ground. It's the shelter in the storm, it's the place that we can fortify! No weapon formed against us will prosper. WHY? Because we are not alone! Because we have a Father, that “shows Himself strong on the behalf of those that love Him” – Praise the Lord!

So hey “Gird up the Loins of your mind”!

God bless – Pastor Paul

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Thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, and ye shall eat it in haste; it is the Lord's passover. [Exo. 12:11](#)

Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest. [Micah 2:10](#)

Here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. [Heb. 13:14](#)

There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. [Heb. 4:9](#)

Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching. [Luke 12:35-37](#)

Gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. [I Pet. 1:13](#)

This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind.... I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded. [Phil. 3:13-15](#)