

Week 4

# Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

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Luke 9:23–26; 1 John 5:4–5; 1 Corinthians 15:25, 55–57; Ephesians 6:11–18  
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1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Ye soldiers of the cross.  
Lift high His royal banner;  
It must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry  
His army He shall lead  
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,  
And Christ is Lord indeed.
2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
The trumpet call obey;  
Stand forth in mighty conflict  
In this His glorious day.  
Let all His faithful serve Him  
Against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger  
And strength to strength oppose.
3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
Stand in His strength alone.  
The arm of flesh will fail you,  
Ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the Gospel armor;  
Each piece put on with prayer.  
Where duty calls or danger,  
Be never wanting there.
4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
The strife will not be long;  
This day the din of battle,  
The next the victor's song.  
The soldiers, overcoming,  
Their crown of life shall see  
And with the King of Glory  
Shall reign eternally.

1. The first two phrases of each stanza are the same: “Stand up, stand up for Jesus.” Christians are to take a firm stance on Christ and His teachings. Read Ephesians 6:11–18. Upon what are we to stand (vv. 14–15)?

2. Life is filled with temptations and strife, some which come because we are followers of Christ. Read Luke 9:23–26. What happens when we cling to Jesus?

3. Only believers in Christ are victorious. What does John write in 1 John 5:4–5?

4. Back to Ephesians 6:11–18 in which Paul uses military symbolism. What does he write about our enemies (v. 12)? What will happen to the enemies of His Gospel (1 Corinthians 15:25)?

5. Jesus leads us to the ultimate victory, our resurrection and eternity with Him. Read 1 Corinthians 15:55–57. What are we to do because of this great victory (v. 57)?

**Answers:**

1. On the truth of God’s Word and specifically Christ’s “gospel of peace”—the Good News of what Jesus has done for us. Through faith in Him, we are made righteous, prepared for battle.

2. When we cling to Jesus and His teachings—which include His death on the cross for our sins and glorious resurrection—we can be certain that He will lead us to victory against all the forces of evil. We are His soldiers of the cross, carrying His banner (st. 1).

3. “For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

4. What will happen to the enemies of His Gospel (1 Corinthians 15:25)? It can be boiled down to this: Christians are soldiers fighting incredible enemies; but Christ is with us. He will “put all His enemies under His feet.”

5. Thank God. He will lead us to victory, but we are “to follow” Him (John 10:27). We do this by treasuring His Means of Grace. We are to cling to our Baptism, partake of His Supper, and immerse ourselves in His Word.