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Romans 6:16 Do you not know that to whom you yield yourselves as slaves to obey, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

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Principalities and Powers

Ephesians 6:12 For our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.



Principalities and Powers: Disarmed

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober and watchful, because your adversary the devil walks around as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Ephesians 6:16 and above all, taking the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the fiery arrows of the evil one.

2 Corinthians 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds,⁵casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,



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Isaiah 54:17 No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment, you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their vindication is from Me, says the Lord.



Principalities and Powers: Defamed

Romans 1:21 Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him or give thanks to Him as God, but became futile in their imaginations, and their foolish hearts were darkened.²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools.²³ They changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man, birds, four-footed beasts, and creeping things.²⁴ Therefore God gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their own bodies among themselves.²⁵ They turned the truth of God into a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever.



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1 Corinthians 1:18 For to those who are perishing, the preaching of the cross is foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through its wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of preaching to save those who believe.²² For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom.²³ But we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks.²⁴ But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, we preach Christ as the power of God and the wisdom of God.²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.



Principalities and Powers: Defamed

Hebrews 7:19 For the law made nothing perfect, but now a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

Colossians 2:17 These are shadows of things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

John 12:32 And if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to Myself.



Principalities and Powers: Defeated

Romans 8:38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities nor powers, neither things present nor things to come,³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. For it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.



Principalities and Powers: Defeated

1 Corinthians 15:24 Then comes the end when He will deliver up the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.²⁵For He will reign until He has put all enemies under His feet.²⁶The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.²⁷For He “has put all things under His feet.” But when He says, “all things are put under Him,” it is revealed that He, who has put all things under Him, is the exception.²⁸When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.



Principalities and Powers: Defeated

Revelation 20:7 When the thousand years are ended, Satan will be set free from his prison⁸and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle. Their number is like the sand of the sea.⁹They traveled the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. But fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.¹⁰The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet were. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever.



Principalities and Powers: Defeated

1 John 5:4 for whoever is born of God overcomes the world, and the victory that overcomes the world is our faith.⁵Who is it that overcomes the world, but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?



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