

Our warfare is not carnal.

2Co 10:3-6 v3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

2 Cor 10.3 Though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh.

This is Simply saying we are in the flesh, but we war not as fleshly people, in other words by emotions, feelings, hurt, anger, pay back, revenge, spite, jealousy. Scripture tells us clearly that this is not going to work.

Rom 8:6-8 For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

How do we please God:... 'this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased'...

We become sons and daughters of God at salvation when we become born again

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: without faith it is impossible to please God,

Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

2Co 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

What This is saying is that the weapons of our warfare are mighty through God.(so God has done something

Our fight is “ this may sound strange” but its behind God and our victory is in God

And with this mighty power of God, strongholds... those things that have a strong grip on your life, your mind, your emotions that have taken root in our thinking will be broken.

2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

We cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God “that we have.”

“Note” that these imaginations and high things exalt themselves... it doesn't say try to exalt themselves. This is how they become strongholds, they have an unchallenged, unabated run at our minds without any **WORD of God stopping** them from taking root.

I want to have a look at two things in this verse.

1 The knowledge of God..

2Co 4:5-6 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the **knowledge of the glory of God** in the face of Jesus Christ.

- We are no longer in darkness because of Jesus
- Paul preached not of himself but the fullness of the victory in Jesus work on the Cross.

Eph 1:17-19 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in **the knowledge of him:** 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

The more of the knowledge of God the saints get the more we walk in enlightenment.

The eyes of our understanding is made clear.

We see what Jesus has done for us, we see the victory, we see how to pray, we see the power we have in the blood of Jesus.

Eph 4:11-13 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the **knowledge of the Son of God**, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

Jesus gave us apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers so that we can come into the unity of the faith, and to know this knowledge of the Son of God.

To be of full stature and mature in the fullness of Christ.

Col 1:9-11 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the **knowledge of God**; 11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

Lets have a look at the second part of this scripture.

2. and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

This is saying we bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. What's this obedience of Jesus Christ?

Rom 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

His sacrifice on the Cross for our complete salvation "Sozo life."

2Co 10:6 And being ready to punish all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

The disobedience is those things that exalt themselves against the word of God, that say they are greater and that the word has no power to crush. That the blood of Jesus isn't enough for somethings we have done.

Rom 1:5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: Our obedience is having faith in Gods Word

Eph 1:19-23 and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

No greater name can we call on. How great is His Love for us.