

## Satan Crushers

Romans 16:17 And now I make one more appeal, my dear brothers and sisters. Watch out for people who cause divisions and upset people's faith by teaching things contrary to what you have been taught. Stay away from them. 18 Such people are not serving Christ our Lord; they are serving their own personal interests. By smooth talk and glowing words they deceive innocent people. 19 But everyone knows that you are obedient to the Lord. This makes me very happy. I want you to be wise in doing right and to stay innocent of any wrong. 20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. May the grace of our Lord Jesus\* be with you.

Big idea: God has empowered us to curb stomp satan.

Big question: where do I sign up and can I wear my boots?

Big Question: How do we crush satan?

Romans 11:36 For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen.

### Point 1: Through Our Perseverance

Ephesians 6:10 A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. 12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. 14 Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. 15 For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. 16 In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. 17 Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

### Point 2: Through Our Prayer

Spiritual warfare is usually portrayed as defensive, trying to hold our ground against waves of attackers. This gets the emphasis exactly backwards. Spiritual warfare arises because God is carrying out his invasions, piercing

the darkness with light. We who were formerly darkness have been made part of the light that He brings—and every bit of faith and love illuminates and destroys darkness.- David Powlison

John 6:38 Jesus says, “I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will.”

Point 3: By God’s Peace

Genesis 3:14 Then the Lord God said to the serpent (which we can see as satan today), “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live. 15 And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Romans 16:20 “May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.”