

Freedom in Christ



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Strongholds





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Spiritual Strongholds



2 Corinthians 10:1-5 (ANIV)

¹ By the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you—I, Paul, who am "timid" when face to face with you, but "bold" when away!



² I beg you that when I come I may not have to be as bold as I expect to be towards some people who think that we live by the standards of this world.

³ For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.



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Spiritual Strongholds are arguments and pretensions raised up against the knowledge or truth of God.



A stronghold consists of:

Any thought, belief, philosophy, value and consequent action that opposes God's truth. They are powers of reasoning that are opposed to the truth of God. Mike Riches



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Psalm 19:7-14 (Living)

God's laws are perfect. They protect us, make us wise, and give us joy and light.

[9] God's laws are pure, eternal, just. [10] They are more desirable than gold. They are sweeter than honey dripping from a honeycomb. [11] For they warn us away from harm and give success to those who obey them.



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“sanctuary” (the holy place) or a place of authority
e.g., a senator’s seat, a place at school, one’s place
in the world.



Topos can be understood to mean a place of jurisdiction, or a place in which one has gained legal rights.



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