

## **CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS**

### **2 Timothy 2:3-4 Ephesians 6:10-18 Revelation 19:11-16**

**Introduction:** Any American should be proud to serve our country in time of need and there should be very little sympathy for anybody who lives in this country, enjoys its freedoms and then refuses to serve or honor our flag which is the visible emblem of what our nation stands for.

The same feelings should be expressed about those of us who live under the Christian flag. Let all of us Christians be reminded that we are at war but our enemy is invisible. Our God has an arch enemy and Satan is his name and Satan will do everything and anything to take God's place. Satan has an army which is made up of fallen angels, demons, followers and those whom he has deceived. God also has His army which is made up of angels and Christians.

Let us be reminded that if we are Christians, we are in the army of God and on active duty until the day our Commander in Chief calls us out of service and to our eternal reward.

### **I. WHO ARE CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS?**

1. They are called (like Uncle Sam's pointing finger, but it's God's Holy Spirit), but are required to volunteer.
2. They enter service at different ages.
3. They serve in many positions with various duties as equipped by the Holy Spirit.
4. They remain on active duty until death (and only then become "veterans").
5. They are everywhere, all over the earth and in every nation.
6. They think differently than others (such as values and confidence).
7. They talk differently than others (such as subject matter, are lively and happy).
8. They dress in such a way as to honor their Commander in Chief.
9. They act differently than others (happy, calm, expectant).
10. They are eager to enlist others into the Lord's service.
11. They consider themselves a part of one big family.

### **II. RECOGNITION OF CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS**

1. If you are a Christian soldier, please stand.
2. I salute you and all the other Christian soldiers around the world. May you be loyal to our Commander in Chief, the Lord Jesus Christ. May you be faithful in your place of service, for one day you will be called to stand before our great Commander in Chief and receive your promotion and reward (award).
3. Soldiers, be seated.

### **III. SOME FACTS TO REMEMBER AS CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS**

We are soldiers in the Army of God.  
The Lord Jesus Christ is our Commander in Chief.  
The Holy Bible is our code of conduct.

Faith, prayer, and the Word of God are our defense and weapons of warfare.  
We have been taught by the Holy Spirit, trained by experience, tried by adversity and tested by fire.

We volunteered for this army and we enlisted for all eternity.  
We will either retire in the Army at the Rapture or die fighting in this Army. But we will not get out,  
must not sell out, or be talked out.  
We are required to be faithful, capable and dependable.  
When our Commander in Chief needs us, we must be there.

We are soldiers. We cannot act as babies or children.  
We do not need to be pampered, petted, primed up, pumped up, or pepped up.

We are soldiers.  
No one will have to call us, remind us, write us, visit us, entice us, or lure us to serve.

We are soldiers. We are not to be wimps nor must we whine about difficulties.  
We must be in our place, saluting our Commander in Chief, obeying His orders, praising His name,  
building His Kingdom!

We are soldiers,  
No one has to send us flowers, gifts, food, cards, candy, or give us handouts.  
We do not need to be cuddled, coddled, cradled, cared for, or catered to.

We are soldiers. We are committed to our Commander in Chief.  
We cannot have our feelings hurt bad enough to turn us around.  
We cannot be discouraged enough to be turned aside.  
We cannot lose enough to cause us to desert.

When we joined this army, we had nothing.  
If we end with nothing, we have lost nothing and will come out even.  
We will win, no matter what, for our Commander in Chief supplies all our needs.

We are more than conquerors. We will always triumph in the end.  
We can do all things through our Commander in Chief, the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are soldiers.  
Devils cannot defeat us. People cannot disillusion us.  
Weather cannot wear us down. Sickness cannot stop us.  
Battles cannot beat us. Money cannot buy us out.  
**Governments cannot silence us and HELL CANNOT HANDLE US !**

We are soldiers.  
Even death cannot hurt us.  
For when our Commander in Chief calls us from the battlefield, He will promote us to a high  
rank and then bring us back to rule this world with Him.

We are soldiers in the Army of God and we are marching, marching, marching toward victory.  
We will not give up! We will not turn around! We will not slow down!

**We are soldiers of the Almighty God, Heaven-bound.....AND HERE WE STAND!**

**Soldiers! Stand with me before our almighty Commander in Chief, the Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Invitation:** There has always been many who have and still are in service to our great country in one of our armed forces as well as in the Lord's Army. Perhaps you have never served in either. Our Commander in Chief, the Lord Jesus Christ invites you to come join with us and become a soldier in His mighty army.

**Let's sing the Christian Army's anthem: "ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS"**

(Some of this was borrowed and changed to apply to ALL Christians)