



Our Armor (part 1)

Ephesians 6:10-15

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Ephesians 6:10-14, “10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then...” (NIV)

Weapon #1: The Accomplishment of Jesus Christ

Weapon #2: The Armor of God

Its Application: God will supply the armor, but I must apply the armor.

Its Protection: I need to put on the whole armor, not just some of it.

Its Source: The armor is from God, not me.

Its Nature: The armor is spiritual, not physical. (2 Cor. 10:3-4)

Its Effect: The full armor of God makes it possible for us to stand against the devil’s schemes and to be left standing on the evil day of attack.

Its Importance: The full armor of God is necessary because of spiritual forces fighting against me.

Belt: Truth

Ephesians 6:14, “Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist...” (NIV)

Principle: Truth is an objective standard by which reality is measured. Truth is God's view on a matter.

Psalms 119:160, “All your words are true...” (NIV)

John 17:17, “Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.” (NIV)

Spiritual warfare starts in the mind. (2 Cor. 10:5)

Practice: I experience victory as I hold to God's truth.

John 8:31-32, “31 ...Jesus said, ‘If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’” (NIV)

Breastplate: Righteousness

Ephesians 6:14, “...with the breastplate of righteousness in place,” (NIV)

Principle: We are righteous in Jesus Christ. (Objective Righteousness)

2 Corinthians 5:21, “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” (NIV)

Practice: I experience victory and righteousness as I apply the truth. (Subjective Righteousness)

Ephesians 4:22-24, “22 ...put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.” (NIV)

I confess my sin to God to restore my practical righteousness.

1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (NIV)

Shoes: Gospel of Peace

Ephesians 6:15, “and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.” (NIV)

Principle: We have peace with God through Jesus Christ. (Objective Peace)

Romans 5:1, “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (NIV)

Practice: I experience victory as truth and righteousness result in the peace of God. (Subjective Peace)

Philippians 4:7, “And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (NIV)

This involves being at peace with others. (Eph. 2:14-15)

This also involves sharing God's peace with others. (Mark 16:15)

In the battle, I will trust God.