

STAND FIRM BY WEARING THE ARMOR OF GOD
(Are You Prepared For the Devil?)
Ephesians 6:10-20

I. Our Warfare 6:10-13

- A. The call to arms 6:10-11
- B. The Enemy 6:12
- C. The power provided 6:13

II. Our Armor 6:14-17

- A. Put on the Belt of Truth 6:14a
 - 1. The literary device: metaphor: implied comparison
Put on truth like a belt.
 - 2. The importance of a belt
 - a. for first century worker – cf. Jn.13:4
 - b. for first century soldier – to avoid entanglement
 - 3. The importance of truth
 - a. because Satan attacks with lies Jn 8:44; Rev 12:9, Gen 3
 - 1) Satan encourages doubt and the questioning of God’s character
 - 2) “If God were good, He would give you health, wealth, and intelligence (cf. Gen 3:5).”
 - b. God’s Word must be worn like a belt 1 Pet 1:13
- B. Put on the Breastplate of Righteousness 6:14b
 - 1. The protection of a breastplate – heart and inner organs
 - 2. The protection of righteousness
 - a. it protects our heart Jas 4:4; 1 Jn 2:15
 - b. it protects our feelings and emotions Eph 4:27; Rom 13:14; 1 Jn 2:15; Jas 4:4
- C. Put on the Gospel of Peace as Shoes in Preparation for Battle 6:15
 - 1. Roman soldiers had hobnails in their warfare boots
 - 2. Be ready and able to proclaim peace through the gospel
 - a. Christ is the Prince of Peace (Isa 9:6) and He is peace (Eph 2:14)
 - b. He provides peace between God and man Rom 5:1
 - c. He provides peace between man and man Eph 2:13-17
- D. Take up the Shield of Faith 6:16
 - 1. The protection given by the Roman shield.
 - a. it was large (4ft x 2 ½ft) and light (often covered with leather)
 - b. so enemies tried to cause them to throw it away by launching fiery arrows.
 - 2. The protection of faith
 - a. 1 Pet 5:9 “Resist him, steadfast in the faith”
steadfast = firm, hard, solid, strong
cf. 2 Tim 2:19 – “solid foundation”; cf. Acts 16:5 “strengthened in the faith”
 - b. Be confident in God’s _____ and _____
that he will work all out for good Rom 8:28
- _____ God Mt 4:4, 7, 10
 - c. As we grow in our _____ and _____
of God’s Word, we grow in _____ Rom 10:17
 - d. As our faith grows, our _____ grows.

E. Put on the Helmet of Salvation 6:17a

1. The helmet protects the _____, hence _____.
2. What does “wear salvation like a helmet” mean?
3. 1 Thess 5:8 helps
 - a. The _____ of salvation involves _____ of salvation
 - b. Lack of _____ is Satan’s _____ for many.

F. Use the Sword Which the Holy Spirit Gives Us 6:17b

1. The sword is the only offensive weapon here.
2. The _____ is our sword Mt. 4:4, 7, 10
3. Know it _____; use it _____.

III. Our Supply Line 6:18-20

- A. Prayer is the means for the _____ 6:18
- B. It must be _____
- C. It provides support _____ as well 6:18b-20

Conclusions

A.

B.

C.

D.