

THE SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST | "THE ARMOUR OF GOD Pt. 1" | LESSON 8

I INTRODUCTION / REVIEW

- 1 Why the enemy fights?
- 2 God's Power & Might
  - a "in the Lord"
  - b "in the power of His might"

II PREVIEW:

- 1 BE STRONG
- 2 THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD
  - Why?
    - a Shew God Strength
    - b Stand
  - What?
    - a 3-fold breakdown

III LESSON:

1 Be Strong  
 Eph. 6:10 - "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might."

"Be strong" - recipient / be the recipient of His strength  
 Rom. 5:6; 1 Cor. 15:56; 2 Cor. 1:8, 12:9 (1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1)

"in the Lord" - power - to make you holy / to walk holy

1 Cor. 1:24 - "Christ the power of God" - we draw strength from being "in the Lord" (not just in Christ)  
 • death, burial, resurrection (dead indeed unto sin / alive to God)  
 • servant of God, Christ is our Master

"in the power of His might"

1 Cor. 6:14; 1 Cor. 15:24

"power" - hearkens to the resurrection



"of His might" (Eph. 6:10)

- Eph. 1:18-23
  - Eph. 3:14-19 (1:16; Php. 4:19)
  - Col. 1:9-11ff
- } 2 Cor. 10:4-5

Why?

Directly relates to how the <sup>death, burial, of</sup> resurrection ~~and~~ Christ is the power and wisdom of God to dispossess Satan & his principalities & powers and replace them with His inheritance in the ~~the~~ saints, as it concerns the heavenly places, the body of Christ, to fill all in all.

Therefore, such armour aids & protects us in the warfare & fight <sup>to continue to</sup> manifest the kind of life of the new creature in the heavenly places. The very armour is light <sup>& of light</sup> and is an assault to their current usurped dominion. [To endure, persevere consistent with the victory we already possess in Christ]

Eph. 6:11 - "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

"Put on" - remember, mind, meditate

↳ imperative

↳ we draw <sup>strength</sup> from His strength & put it on

"the whole armour of God"

- ① God's armour → what He uses in the fight (Isa. 59:1-17)
- ② "the whole" - a wide ranging & impressive array or display
  - ↳ "panoplia" (panophy)
  - ↳ full, complete, entire
- ③ "armour" - defense against



"the whole armour of God"

- information already given
- Rom. 13:12 - "the armour of light"
- 2 Cor. 6:7 - "the armour of righteousness on the (R) hand & on the (L)"
- Eph. 6:14 - "breastplate of R"
- (R) hand - Eph. 6:16 (shield of faith)
- (L) hand - Eph. 6:17 (sword of the Spirit) - defense / offence
- 1 The. 5:8 - "breastplate of faith and love"
- "helmet, the hope of salvation (Eph. 6:17)"

WILFS

\* Three-fold Breakdown of the Armour

- ① Loins, Breastplate, Feet
- ② Shield
- ③ Helmet, Sword

Three-fold Breakdown of the Policy of Evil

- ① Attack the message
- ② Attack the messenger
- ③ Discredit & disrepute the messenger

① Attack the message

- confuse the message | appeal to the belly to pursue vain pursuits
- substitute authority
- grant experience-based theology that becomes criterion for judging truth (strong resistance)
- use that ~~gen~~ which has a "ring of genuineness"
  - Eph. 4:14 - winds of doctrine
  - "toss to and fro"
    - ① hinder from reaching destination
    - ② hinder from finding proper course
- Col. 2:1 - "great conflict"



- Col. 2:4 - "enticing words"
- Col. 2:8 - BEWARE
  - "philosophy"
  - "vain deceit" - psychology, sciences, counseling
  - "after the tradition of men" - wisdom of the world (Rom. 1)
  - "after the rudiments of the world" - the law

• "NOT AFTER CHRIST"

• :9-10

- complete, draw from Him
- above all principality & power that produce, propagate, and perpetuate the winds of doctrine.

② Attack the Messenger

- persecution, afflictions (faint, ashamed)
- designed to strike fear and terror to shut you up
  - 2 Tim. 1:7
  - Php. 1:20
  - 2 Cor. 1:8-11

③ Discredit & Disrepute the Messenger

• The message is still being proclaimed, but not being known because of the reports against you ill-affecting the minds of others against you.

• 2 Tim. 2:8-9, 2 Cor. 6, Rom. 3

• Subtlety of the Devil - have you take the correction of others, and the marking and avoiding of you by others as the policy of evil against you instead of the correction and love of God.



④ Conclusion:

• The threefold breakdown gives us insight into God's whole provision of what God provides in  $\mathcal{A}$  with His armour.