

Ephesians 6:10-18

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, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.



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THREE SOURCES OF EVIL

1. The **WORLD**.
 2. The **DEVIL**.
 3. Our **FLESH**.
- Ephesians 6:10-20 is about how to **STAND** against that evil, and in what power, and whose **POWER** to fight.

PUTTING ON THE ARMOR

1. It takes a "**PRINCELY**" spirit to live as a Christian.
2. To put on the Armor of God is a *military metaphor*, which means we are to **OBEY**.
3. Recognize this is **GOD'S** strength you are receiving, not your **OWN** you are conjuring up.
4. The armor is a symbol of the **BENEFITS** and privileges of the **GOSPEL**.
5. Take the privileges and benefits of the gospel, and begin to **USE** them in your life to create a new **HABITUAL** way of thinking about and acting toward God, yourself, & others.
6. You're supposed to put on the armor **BEFORE** the battle, not **DURING** the battle.
7. The armor has to be the armor **OF GOD**.



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GROWTH GROUP DIGGING DEEPER QUESTIONS

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GETTING STARTED

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, **was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, inspired or confused you?**

DIGGING DEEPER

2. **Read Ephesians 6:10-20**

What do you know about this passage, and how have you heard it explained, or taught before?

Why do you think the military metaphor is helpful, useful, or powerful? What does it do that other metaphors can't?

How do you understand and explain verse 12?

We didn't cover these topics yet, but looking ahead to verses 14-17, which of these pieces of the armor do you think you most need to "put on" these days?

GETTING PERSONAL

3. **What, in your life, is keeping you from being able "to stand" as a Christian?**

4. **When you think about putting on "God's Armor", and OBEYING Him and His ways, in what ways does that feel difficult, and like something you don't want to do?**

BRINGING IT HOME

5. **If you could think of one or two things you could do continually and habitually to "put on" the truths of who you are in Christ, what would they be? What are your biggest hurdles from doing these things and living this way?**

PRAY TOGETHER