

God's Armor

Ephesians 6:10-20

The Armor of God is not made up of abstract ideas, positive thinking, or feelings of emotional support. Paul is not describing spiritual concepts that are merely intended to make us feel stronger when life becomes difficult. The armor is the practical provision of God, given to His people so that we may stand faithfully in the spiritual realities we face every day.

This means the Armor of God is not something we reach for only in moments of crisis. We do not put it on when trouble comes and then set it aside when life becomes easier. It is fitted to the whole of the Christian life. The Armor is meant to shape the way we think and discern.

1. The Armor was created for us.

Each piece of Armor is fashioned to fit the needs of humanity. All of us need Truth, Righteousness, Salvation, The Gospel, Faith and the Word. These things were fashioned for us by Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 2:10-18; Philippians 2:5-11; Romans 8:1-5

2. The Armor is provided to us.

We cannot fashion the Armor ourselves. We cannot work for it. We do not need to be in a state of mind, have a feeling, or pray specific words to put on the Armor of God. It is who we are in Jesus Christ if we walk in Him. To “put on” the Armor is to put on Jesus.

Romans 13:11-14; Galatians 3:23-29; Ephesians 4:17-24

3. The Armor is to be lived in

The Armor of God is who we are, not something we put away. All our lives will be lived in affliction, temptation, persecution and attack from spiritual wickedness. To take off or lay aside the Armor is to take off Christ and therefore be vulnerable.

Galatians 2:17-21; Galatians 5:16-24; John 16:25-33; 2 Timothy 3:10-17; Acts 14:19-22; 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5; 1 Peter 4:12-19; Philippians 1:27-30; Romans 7:7-25
Galatians 5:16-24