

## ***Ephesians***

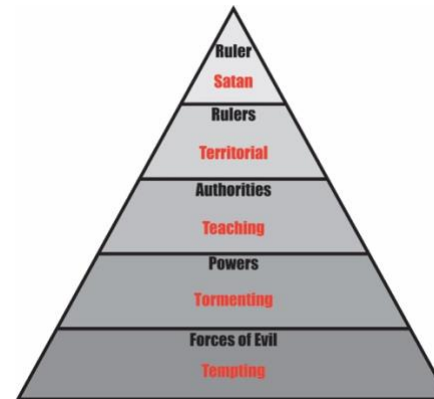
### ***The Church: Christ's Body to a Broken World***

#### ***Ephesians 6:10-24 – Part 2***

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### ***A. Our ENEMY***

***Ephesians 6:10–12 (ESV) — Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.***



### ***B. Our EQUIPMENT***

***Ephesians 6:13–17 (ESV)***

***Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God***

- ***The Belt of Truth***
- ***The Breastplate of Righteousness***
- ***The Shoes of Peace***

➤ **The Shield of Faith**

**Ephesians 6:16 (ESV)**

***In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;***

***A living faith trusts in the promises and power of God in spite of all the accusations, insinuations, temptations, and proclamations hurled at us by our enemy.***

***The Necessity of the Shield***

**Ephesians 6:16 (ESV)**

***In all circumstances take up the shield of faith ...***

**Psalm 5:12 (ESV)**

***For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield.***

***It is not our faith that is our shield, but the object of our faith that is our shield!***

**Proverbs 30:5 (ESV)**

***Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.***

**Genesis 15:1 (ESV)**

***After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."***

***Our Responsibility with the Shield***

**Ephesians 6:16 (ESV)**

***In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;***

**Ephesians 6:13 (ESV)**

***Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.***

➤ **The Helmet of Salvation**

**Ephesians 6:17 (ESV)**

***...and take the helmet of salvation ...***

***The Helmet of Salvation Protects our minds***

**John 8:44 (ESV)**

***You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.***

**2 Corinthians 11:3 (ESV)**

***But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.***

**Philippians 2:3–5 (ESV)**

**Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,**

### ***The Helmet of Salvation Corrects our minds***

**Romans 12:3 (ESV)**

**For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.**

**Romans 8:6 (ESV)**

**For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.**

### ***The Helmet of Salvation Connects our minds***

**1 Corinthians 2:16b (ESV)**

**... But we have the mind of Christ.**

**1 Corinthians 2:10–12 (ESV)**

**These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.**

### ***The Helmet of Salvation Directs our minds***

**Ephesians 4:22–24 (ESV)**

**To put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,<sup>23</sup> and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,<sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.**

**Romans 12:1–2 (ESV)**

**I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

### ***The Sword of the Spirit***

**Ephesians 6:17b (ESV)**

**... take ... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**

**Romans 13:14 (ESV)**

**But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.**

***The False Believer will use the Word of God without the Belt of Truth leading to heresy***

***The Fruitless Believer will use the Word of God without the Breastplate of Righteousness to defend his own self-righteousness***

***The Fearful Believer will use the Word of God without the Shoes of Peace always walking in fear***

***The Faithless Believer will use the Word of God without the Shield of Faith succumbing to the fiery arrows of the enemy***

***The Foolish Believer will use the Word of God without the Helmet of Salvation according to man's wisdom and not according to the mind of Christ.***

***But when we have "...put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and "... made no provision for the flesh" we will wield the Sword led by the Spirit in daily victory!***

Galatians 5:16 (ESV)  
***But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.***

Psalms 119:92 (ESV)  
***If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.***

Psalms 17:4 (ESV)  
***With regard to the works of man, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.***

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV)

***All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.***

Hebrews 4:12 (ESV) — ***For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.***

### ***C. Our ENGAGEMENT***

Ephesians 6:18–20 (ESV)

***Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,<sup>19</sup> and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,<sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.***

***The primary purpose of the armor is not simply to wear, but to war!***

***We engage the enemy with Prayer***

Ephesians 6:18a (ESV)

***Praying ...***

***Satan is not afraid of our SINGING,  
Satan is not afraid of our PREACHING,  
Satan is not afraid of our BIBLE STUDIES;  
Satan is not afraid of our MINISTRIES;  
Satan is not afraid of our PROGRAMS;  
BUT SATAN TREMBLES AT OUR PRAYING!!!***

***“Prayer is the slender nerve that moves the omnipotent arm of God”***

***C. H. Spurgeon***

***We engage the enemy in every Attack***

***Ephesians 6:18a (ESV)  
Praying at all times ...***

***Ephesians 6:13 (ESV)  
Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.***

***We engage the enemy in the Power of the Spirit***

***Ephesians 6:18a (ESV)  
Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication ...***

***Ephesians 6:10 (ESV)  
Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.***

***We engage the enemy and never give up!***

***Ephesians 6:18d (ESV)  
... To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,***

***Matthew 26:41 (ESV)  
Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”***

***... perseverance – to continue to do something with intense effort, with the possible implication of difficulty. “To devote oneself to, to keep on, to persist in”***

***Luke 18:1 (ESV)  
And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.***

***Luke 11:9–11 (ESV)  
And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup> What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent;***

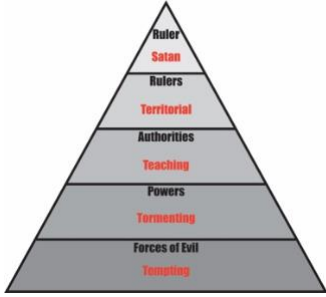
***Luke 18:7–8 (ESV)  
And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”***

***We must, with vigilant perseverance, stand with our victorious King against every enemy attack as Jesus advances His victorious Kingdom through His Body, the Church!***

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