

The Full Armor of God

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Welcome to Week 5 of our series in the book of Ephesians. I can't say enough about how much I enjoy walking through the bible in this way, together with you. Today we will be wrapping up the letter Ephesians chapter 6 starting in verse 10 we are going to talk about "The Full Armor of God"!

We are God's people, growing together as God's family, and working together to build God's kingdom!

Walk through what we have already learned...

The Armor of God

Spoiler alert, the armor of God is Jesus.

Romans 13:12,14

¹² So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

Strengthen yourself in the Lord.

1 Samuel 30:6

⁶ And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.

David had lost everything, sometimes you have to preach the gospel to yourself.

¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

There is an enemy of our souls.

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.

The world systems, tempt us in every way, to cause us not to be useful to the kingdom of God.

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.

1. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,

Belt of truth – commitment, game time

Roman soldier, dress for men

The first thing they would do is put on a belt
Weapon, mark or symbols of past battle

Preparedness, pull up the loose ends.

Truth, sincerity, commitment, attitude.

1 Peter gird of the loins of your mind

Be seriously committed

2. The breastplate of righteousness in place,

Breastplate of righteousness – holy living, lifestyle

Romans 13:11-14

11 And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let

us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. 14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

3. with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Gospel of Peace – confidence in the presence and the power of the one with whom we have made peace.

Romans 5:1-2

5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

4. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Shield of faith – trust, belief, believe God not Satan

5. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Helmet of salvation – security, assurance, the hope of victory triumph

Salvation justified, past penalty of sin

Sanctified present you are being saved, Sin has no dominion over you

Glorification. The presence of sin

1 Thessalonians 5:8

⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

Hebrews says we have this hope it is an anchor to the soul. Confidence in your salvation we win, don't be motivated by fear or doubt.

Sword of the Spirit

6. Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

Pray in line with the spirit of God, his will.

With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

A letter that started in the heavens ends on its knees.

Final greeting

²³ Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.