

Engaging the Weapons

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BATTLE READY

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We can't just acknowledge the enemy exists; we need to take action.

*"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. 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." (**Ephesians 6:10-13, ESV**)*

We are at war, but it is not an earthly war, it is a spiritual war - *"For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh." (**2 Corinthians 10:3, ESV**)*

The armor Paul describes is not random...

*"He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head..."(**Isaiah 59:17, ESV**)*

*"Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins."(**Isaiah 11:5, ESV**)*

We need to use the weapons and armor- *"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” (Ephesians 6:14-17, ESV)

Each piece of armor has a specific role in this battle

- **The Belt of Truth**– We stand against the enemy’s deception by knowing, believing, and speaking God’s truth.

- **The Breastplate of Righteousness** – We stand protected by Christ’s righteousness and resist the enemy by living righteously.

“For our sake he made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2 Cor. 5:21, ESV)

- **The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace** – We stand firm in the gospel and advance the mission of Jesus by bringing the good news to others.

- **The Shield of Faith** – We extinguish the enemy’s attacks by trusting God and standing firm together in faith.

- **The Helmet of Salvation** – We guard our minds by remembering the salvation and unshakable hope we have in Christ.

“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Rom. 8:38-39, ESV)

- **The Sword of the Spirit** – We fight the enemy’s lies and temptations by knowing, speaking, and applying God’s Word.

We were never intended to engage the battle through our own strength - *“...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...” (Ephesians 6:18, ESV)*

Don’t just acknowledge that we’re in a spiritual battle. Start living like you believe it.