

A Different Kind of War
1/4/23

Ephesians 6:10-20-¹⁰ Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by his vast strength. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens. ¹³ For this reason take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand. ¹⁴ Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on your chest, ¹⁵ and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In every situation 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 Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.

Observations:

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The war is not won by us, but rather by the Lord
The war is fought by “real” weapons
The war is ongoing by a crafty enemy
The war is fought only through deliberate ongoing pursuit

I. The weapons in context

1. The belt
2. The breastplate
3. The shoes
4. The shield
5. The helmet
6. The sword

7. The communication

II. The application of the weapons

1. Saturate yourself with Truth!

¹⁴ Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist,

2. Get right! (Put the Bible to work in your life)

"righteousness like armor on your chest"

*We must understand that we could never be "RIGHT-eous" apart from being saved.

*We understand however that we have to strive to live like righteous folks everyday.

3. Be confident

"and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace. "

*We get peace through Jesus

*It is a life habit of living without fear.

*It is the absence of confusion

4. Believe God!

"In every situation take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. "

5. Be fully assured

"Take the helmet of salvation"

6. Leverage scripture as a weapon

"and the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God. "

7. Pray consistently

"Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request"

Close:

"Having prepared everything, to take your stand"

Paul of Tarsus