

## Keys of the Kingdom

### The Full Armor of God

#### Ephesians 6:10 -18

<sup>10</sup> A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. <sup>15</sup> For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. <sup>17</sup> Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

#### **1. Why do we need the armor of God?**

- a. We face serious opposition. (**Eph 6:12**)
- b. We need protection.
- c. We need provision.

#### **2. What is the armor of God?**

### **a. The Belt of Truth**

- i. “*Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,*” (**Ephesians 6:14**).
- ii. Every other piece of the full armor of God is attached to the belt of truth. If you don't begin with truth, you'll never defeat the enemy.

### **b. Breastplate of Righteousness**

- i. “*...with the breastplate of righteousness in place...*” (**Ephesians 6:14**).
- ii. Righteousness protects our hearts.

### **c. Shoes fitted with the Gospel of Peace**

- i. “*...and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace*” (**Ephesians 6:15**).
- ii. The gospel of peace keeps our feet anchored and standing firm.

### **d. Shield of Faith**

- i. “*In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith,*” (**Ephesians 6:16**).
- ii. Faith is available to every follower of Jesus Christ. It is about having a strong assurance in the person and work of Jesus.

### **e. Helmet of Salvation**

- i. *“Take the helmet of salvation,”* (**Ephesians 6:17**).
- ii. The helmet of salvation is the critical piece that ignites the rest of the armor.

**f. Sword of the Spirit**

- i. *“...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God”* (**Ephesians 6:17**).
- ii. The sword is the only piece of armor that is both defensive and offensive.

**3. How do we apply it or put it on?**

- a. Pursue truth
- b. Daily ask the Lord to remind you of who and whose you are.
- c. Ask the Lord to increase your faith.
- d. Put on the mind of Christ. (**Colossians 3:2**), *“Set your mind on things above”*
- e. Saturate your life with The Word of God