



## **Put on God's Armor**

Ephesians 6:10-17

**Big Idea:** You Need Spiritual Armor

**Introduction:** In chapters one through three, Paul goes to get to the heart of the matter. He reminds the reader of God's love, Christ's sacrifice and the Spirit's power. He highlights the importance of unity for all believers and unpacks the depths of the gospel for all people. In chapters four through six, Paul gives specific instructions for how believers should live the foundational information shared in the first three chapters. He begins by focusing on unity, maturity and purity, the priority, promise and power of all three. In chapter five he continues build on the bedrock truth calling believers to walk in love and was as wise and not unwise. Now Pau shifts to a focus on roles. In verse twenty-one of chapter five, Paul dives into the marriage relationship. He focuses first on all believers submitting to one another. Then points to three defining relationships, one or more of which will touch every believer and some all three; wife and husband, child and parent and slave and master. Describing how each should relate to the other and how all should be accomplished as to the Lord. In chapter six, Paul begins with the word "finally". He is preparing to wrap up his letter/message. He is going to give the invitation calling every believer to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of the Lord's might by putting on Spiritual Armor. In a sense, Paul is giving this directive to equip every believer in preparation for battles that lie ahead.

### **Ephesians 6:10**

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

## **I. Be Strong in the Lord.**

### **Ephesians 6:11-12**

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 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.

## **II. We Wrestle Against Rulers, Against the Authorities, Against the Cosmic Powers Over this Present Darkness, Against the Spiritual Forces of Evil in the Heavenly Places.**

### **Ephesians 6:13-17**

13 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. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

## **III. You Need Spiritual Armor in the Fight.**

**Conclusion:** Walk in love, Walk as wise not unwise. Submit to one another as to the Lord. In all your relationships, demonstrate your love for Christ and fellow believers by serving one another. Put on the whole armor of God because the fight is coming to those who believe.

**Blessing:** May the Lord bless you and keep you. May His grace shine upon you. May the strength of his mighty power be with you as you face temptation and fight your battles. Put on the full armor of God every day!

## **Life Application Questions:**

1. How strong are you? Have you ever felt weak? Unable to meet the challenges you were facing? Physically? Spiritually? Emotionally?

2. What if you could have access to the kind of strength that created the whole universe? Would you want it? Would you do whatever it takes to have unlimited access to that strength?
3. Paul encourages those who believe in Jesus to receive their strength from the Lord. What source could provide greater strength?
4. Paul goes further to describe the battles that believers face and the kind of armor that is required to face the schemes of the devil. Do you have the full armor of God?
5. What is required to access (step into/put on/wear) the armor of the belt of truth? The armor of the breastplate of righteousness? The armor of the shoes of the readiness given by the gospel of peace? The armor of the shield of faith? The armored helmet of salvation? The sword of the Spirit? What good is armor without a sword???
6. When will you face the fiery darts of from the schemes of the devil next? What if attacks come and you do not have your armor? What if attacks come and you do not have your sword? What if you have one but not the other?
7. What steps will you take to armor up every day???