

## **The Armor of God (Ephesians 6:13-17).**

We are in Spiritual battles everyday whether we are aware of them or not.

*Spiritual warfare is the leveraging of everything that God promises against everything that opposes God's purposes.*

### **The devil is real**

#### **John 10:10**

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full

#### **1 Peter 5:8-9**

8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

### **Winning Spiritual battles requires using Spiritual weapons.**

#### **Belt of truth**

**John 17:17-** Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

#### **Breastplate of righteousness**

**2 Corinthians 5:21-** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

#### **Shoes of the Gospel of Peace**

**1 Peter 3:15-** But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

#### **Shield of Faith**

**1 John 5:4-** For whoever has been born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith.

**John 10:29-** My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

#### **Sword of the Spirit: Word of God**

**Hebrews 4:12-** For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

<b>Read Ephesians 6:10-17</b>
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Why is the armor important?

Whose responsibility is it to put the armor on?

Who or what is our warfare against?

What role does a belt play?

What does living in truth mean?

Righteousness means right standing with God.

How did we become righteous with God?

How do we prepare or make ourselves ready with the gospel of peace?

What should we do with thoughts or words that come from satan?

What is the Christians sword?

How do we use our sword?