

October 5th – The Whole Armor of God

*“Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against all the wiles of the devil.”*

(Eph. 6:10-11)

Did you know that there is someone plotting your destruction? There is someone who hates you so much that he is devising a plan to ruin your life and send you to hell. His name is Satan and he is a powerful adversary. The Bible says he “walks about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour” (1 Pet. 5:8). There’s no way you or I could overcome a lion by ourselves, but sadly there are people who try to overcome Satan every day in their own strength. He often chews them up and spits them out.

The truth is we are engaged in a daily battle. Yet, our battle is not against “flesh and blood” (Eph. 6:12). In other words, we’re not really warring against one another. Rather, our battle is against Satan and all his demonic minions. It is a battle we will not win by ourselves. The only way we can be victorious is to “put on the whole armor of God.” Paul doesn’t leave us to wonder what that armor includes.

First, we must put on the helmet of salvation which comes through faith in Christ. Then we must put on the breastplate of righteousness – that is, seeking to do the will of God at all times. Next we must gird ourselves with the belt of truth. We’ve got to separate ourselves from all the lies of the devil, the father of lies (John 8:44). We must have our feet outfitted with gospel of peace. We must share the good news with those who still need to hear. Finally, we take up the shield of faith for protection, and the sword of the Spirit (the Word of God) so we can resist our enemy. Only in arming ourselves this way will we cause the devil to flee from us (James 4:7).