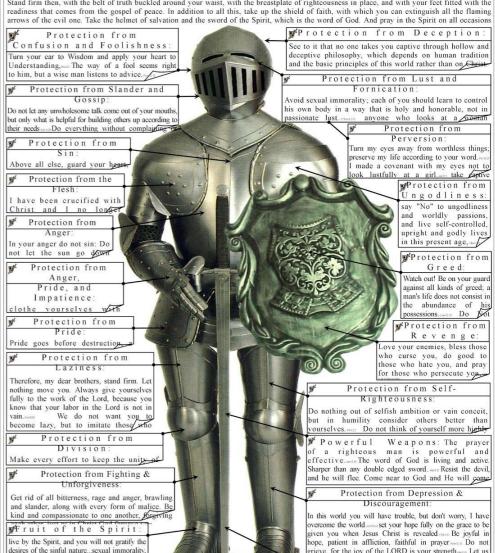






Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the



impurity, debauchery, idolatry, witchcraft;

hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish

ambition, dissensions, factions, envy

drunkenness, orgies...But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-

control. Those who belong to Christ Jests

have crucified the sinful

grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength Let us

hold unswervingly to the hope we profess. For

LOVE: Love is patient, love is kind. It

does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud, not rude,

not self-seeking, not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts,

always hopes, always perseveres. Love pever

Standing FIRM

- Belt/Breastplate/Shoes shield 4 ½ x 2 foot
- Truth to protect the "innards" give strength
- Righteousness to protect the heart
- Peace gives your stable and firm footing
- Faith gives you ability to extinguish & see
- Salvation certainty to clear the mind
- Spirit Word to "discern" and pierce...



PRAYER: CLOTHED in the FULL ARMOR of GOD

Sword of the Spirit/Word

- "with all prayer and petition pray..."
- Why is this left out???
- The deadliest thing to our enemy...
- "the weakest saint upon his knees."
- Not a left over, rather a final covering!

Proseuchomai

- To pray, most common & inclusive
- 85 x NT
- Addressed to Father or Jesus
- "Lord's prayer" (Mt 6:9 ff; Lk 11:2 ff)
- Teaching to pray about His Name, Kingdom, will and all "our" needs.

Deomai

- To express a request
- 19x in NT
- ask for favor, grace
- 2 Cor 5:20 "pleading"
- Luke 5:12,13 pleading people
- God is willing and able!



When the enemy can In the Spirit

- ◆In the power of our relationship with God
- Guided and taught by His heart
- ◆ "Prayer crowns all lawful efforts with success, and gives a victory when nothing else would." Barnes

Attitudes for "the Stand"

- Alert watch with diligence, vigilant
- All perseverance (1x) instant, steadfast
- All petition deesis again for all the saints
- The power of the church in intercession
- This is our weapon and rallying point

So why is it an issue?

- Why do we think this is unimportant...
 - It is what we look for when we are in trouble..

 Or should
 - ◆Do we give others prayer needs our attention?
 - ◆Would we be aware of the "real" battle?
 - ◆Would this make each victory sweeter?
 - •Would this serve and encouragement for us?

Salvation's Defense

- Sitting in a Roman prison the whole time...
 - ◆Prisoner of Christ (3:1)
 - First mention of his own needs
- Pray that **he** will have boldness (parrhesia)
- The Gospel still central, not his defense...
 - ◆What are we 'bold' about?

The messenger

- Tychius sent as the fill in...
 - ◆Acts 20:4; Co 4:7; 1Ti 3:12; 2Ti 4:12
 - ◆Beloved brother
 - •faithful minister in the Lord
 - Comfort your hearts
- He blesses them with 'incorruptible'...