

Permanent Armor
Ephesians 6:10-22
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Quote of the week —*If we are walking worthy of our calling, in humility rather than pride, in unity rather than divisiveness, in the new self rather than the old, in love rather than lust, in light rather than darkness, in wisdom rather than foolishness, in the fullness of the spirit rather than the drunkenness of wine, and in mutual submission rather than self-serving independence, then we can be absolutely certain we will have opposition and conflict.* – John MacArthur

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⇒ God's Armor is mandatory because the faithful Christian life is a spiritual battle.

1 Peter 2:9-10

- ⇒ If our truth is not God's truth, things begin to fall apart because the truth, like a belt, holds everything together
- ⇒ Imputed righteousness
 - The very righteousness of Jesus Christ is imputed/reckoned/transferred to me and you.
- ⇒ Imparted righteousness
 - The upright/holy living that is imparted by the Holy Spirit when a person is born again.
- ⇒ The breastplate of righteousness is to live a daily thought-by-thought and action-by-action Christ-like life.
- ⇒ Your peace with God is the footwear that steadies your feet when you're on rocky ground.
- ⇒ Our shield of faith protects us because of the faithfulness of the object of our faith, Jesus.
- ⇒ The reality of our salvation is the greatest peace of defense you have.

Romans 8:26-27

The believers who stand in the Lord's power need not fear any enemy, even Satan himself. When he comes to attack us, our feet are rooted firmly on the solid ground of the gospel of peace, through which God changed from our enemy to our defender. We who were once his enemies are now his children, and our heavenly father offers us his full resources to be "strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might." If God is for us, who is against us? – John MacArthur

Discussion Questions

- a. As we end the book of Ephesians has there been one theme/section/verse that God has used to grow you spiritually in Christ?
- b. Of all the pieces of the armor of God, which piece do you resonate with and appreciate most? Every piece of the armor is important, but which one speaks to you the most?
- c. Briefly on Sunday it was mentioned how the armor of God counteracts the attacks of Satan; (lying, accusing, dividing, destroying, FINISH THIS) Are there any other ways in which you see how each piece of armor shields/disrupts/negates his attacks and the attacks from his forces?
- d. Fun question: if you could have personally designed armor from God, what would it look like?
 - i. For example: my armor would be black with accents of gold. The belt of truth for me would have the number 23 written in every language (how old I was when he saved me) with a gold Bible as the belt buckle. The breastplate of righteousness would have a throne etched in the middle of it where my heart lay, that I remember who sits there, and 2 Cor 5:21 enshrined below the throne, that I would remember where my righteousness comes from. My spiritual footwear would be the shoes I wore on the night God provided and the spirit told to me to propose to my wife (I don't believe I've shared that story yet). The shield of faith would look like the aegis shield (from my favorite video game. Also my backup wedding ring) with all of my favorite Bible passages inscribed on it. And for the helmet of salvation I would desire to have every gemstone from the foundation of the new Jerusalem, and the white stone from the promise in revelation 2:17 to remind me of such a wonderful salvation.