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2 Corinthians 5:21

21 God made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in HIM we would become the righteousness of God.

Romans 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written: “But the righteous one will live by faith.”

Jesus died to set us free from sin, so that we can become the righteousness of God to live by faith.

This is a state of being, not a place we go to from time to time.

You are the righteousness of God, who live by faith!

Now you are in the righteousness of Christ you know who you are in Him, you are in-Christed in Him by your faith.

So how do we walk as in-Christed people?

Ephesians 6:10-20

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

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We are to be strong in the Lord, not in ourselves, but in the Lord, you are to put on the full armor of God so that you can stand and withstand the evil day.

We are in the evil day; it is here it is wicked out there.

You are to stand in the mist of evil, and in that stand is when Gods armor is activated.

When we stand, we then stand in GOD's GRACE!

we stand in the covenant with God we are NOT standing on the works of our flesh, we are not standing on the might of our flesh, We are not standing on our own wisdom.

We are standing in the grace of God and what ever he says in faith and obedience we will do.

¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. This is **Gods Armor** for you in the spirit when you stand on the battlefield.

¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

Stop working at it and start walking in it!

We keep trying to fight a war in the flesh with people when this is spiritual!

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You are on the wrong battlefield, you aren't even in the war yet.

¹³ Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist on the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

You are doing everything to stand firm!

Where you are coming from, is where you are living....

If you are still living in the flesh, you will be responding in the flesh.

The Spirit will activate the Full Armor if you are coming from the fullness of God.

When Gods grace is ready for you to take it up in HIS faith to take care of issues spiritually.

¹⁴ Stand firm therefore, having belted your waist with **TRUTH**, and having put on the breastplate of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**,

So when your in righteousness, you walk in truth.

Spiritual truth, I was praying for a man one day and God immediately showed me the spirit that is plaguing him. I stepped into a spiritual truth...

My prayer changed from **mind** to **spirit** immediately!

¹⁵ and having strapped on your feet the preparation of the gospel of PEACE;

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You are prepared to fight in PEACE!

Grace is the breeding ground of peace.

¹⁶ in addition to all, taking up the shield of FAITH with which you will be able to ***extinguish ALL the flaming arrows of the evil one.***

You who know who you are in Christ (IN-Christed) will extinguish all the fiery darts of the evil one. ***(Repeat!)***

¹⁷ And take the helmet of SALVATION and the sword of the Spirit, which is the WORD of God.

¹⁸ With every prayer and request, pray at all times in the Spirit, ***(How do you pray at all times? You are living in the righteousness of Christ in Faith)*** and with this in mind, be alert with all perseverance and every request for all the saints,

Praying in the spirit, because we are not of this world, again you are on the wrong battlefield for war when you keep trying to figure out what is happening from a mental or worldly perspective.

The war is always in the spirit realm.

¹⁹ and *pray* on my behalf, that speech may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in *proclaiming* it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

When you are In Christ, You Are...

1. Blessed with every spiritual blessing (v. 3)
2. Chosen to be holy and without blame (v. 4)
3. Predestined (v. 5)
4. Adopted as sons (v. 5)
5. Accepted in the Beloved (v. 6)
6. Redeemed through His blood, according to the riches of His grace (v. 7)
7. Forgiven of your sins (v. 7)
8. Given wisdom and understanding of His will (v. 8-9)
9. Given an inheritance (v. 11)
10. To bring praise and glory to God (v. 12)
11. Sealed with the Holy Spirit (v. 13)
12. Guaranteed of inheritance until your redemption is fulfilled (v. 14)

When you are on the right battlefield, it has already been won by understanding who you are in Christ, in the fullness of God...

Ephesians 6:14-17 describes the 6 pieces of the armor of God.

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To put on the whole armor means to believe all that Jesus has done (Eph. 1-3) and to live it out in daily life

(Eph. 4-5) It is living in the power of everything that God has done in every area of life even when there are challenges.

In other words, to understand the armor of God in Ephesians 6 correctly, you have to look at what Ephesians 1-5 say.

It has to be understood in its right context.

To put on the full armor of God is to apply the entire Gospel to all of your life.

The whole armor is the EXPRESSION of your full trust in God and what He has done for you through Jesus Christ.

Revelation 12:11 tells us about your victory in spiritual warfare was secured at the cross of Christ and the blood that was shed there

A wrong understanding of the armor of God can lead to confusion about what the Christian life is about.

One of the greatest revivals in the history of the early church took place in Ephesus.

The Gospel went to the entire region of Asia in 2 years and miracles took place to confirm the message of Jesus.

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It toppled the worship of a Roman goddess and many people burned their magic scrolls to follow Jesus instead.

All this took place because of the message of the Gospel that Paul lays out in Ephesians.

The Gospel conquered the Roman Empire one heart, one home at a time.

It transformed the culture of the region without direct political involvement, big budgets, or events.

It was the raw power of the Gospel, all because they knew who they were in Christ Jesus.

What Does It Mean to Put on the Whole Armor of God?

When you understand Ephesians 1-5, you can understand what Paul's final point in Ephesians 6 means.

Paul starts in chapter 6 with the word *finally*. Ephesians 6 is Paul's last point in the letter. It builds on what he's been talking about in the previous 5 chapters.

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 the wiles of the devil.

Eph. 6:10-11

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- The first 3 chapters of Ephesians explain your position in Christ. It describes how you've been **seated** with Christ in heavenly places.
- Ephesians 4 through 5 describe how you're to **walk**, or live, as a follower of Jesus.
- Ephesians 6 is the conclusion that describes how you're to **stand** even in the face of opposition.

To put on the armor of God is to first understand all the spiritual blessings that God has already blessed you with (Eph. 1:3). The first chapter describes the way God has blessed you.

The 12 Spiritual Blessings in Eph. 1 That Are Related to the Armor in Eph. 6

In Christ, You Are...

1. Blessed with every spiritual blessing (v. 3)
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To put on the full armor is to understand every single blessing.

God has given you every blessing in the heavenly places and every blessing is necessary.

Let me say that again **Every Blessing is necessary,**

I believe a lot of Christians do not accept their blessing because of shame or guilt and it is necessary for your next blessing, protection, and your destiny.

God does not bless just to bless every blessing has purpose....

BLESSING HAS PURPOSE

Every piece of the armor in Ephesians 6 serves a different purpose to protect you, so you need to put on the full armor of God.

In the same way, every blessing in Ephesians 1 addresses a different point of attack that you might experience,

whether it's an attack against your faith, a sin that makes you feel guilty, or feeling confused about what to do in your life.

When you are attacked Remember you are anointed and blessed.

Your attack is spiritual and you respond from a place of grace and peace because you are blessed and anointed.

The reason for the whole armor of God is because you need it in order to withstand the spiritual pressures that you're going to face.

Eph. 6:11

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

The full armor of God is what protects you when you have **doubts, fears, and guilt.**

The way you stand against the accusations of the Enemy is to believe what God's Word says about you instead.

The battle is real and can't be ignored, but so are the armor and weapons that God has already give you so you can stand against anything that comes your way.

Effective spiritual warfare is God-centered, not Devil-centered.

Spiritual warfare in the Bible is focused on God and what Jesus has done for you.

Jesus defeated the Devil, You must come from a place of the fullness that every weapon formed against you can not prosper.

Jesus and the Apostles in the New Testament were not focused on the devil.

Ephesians 6 does not talk about engaging with spiritual forces in the heavenly realms directly. Are there spiritual forces in heavenly places? Absolutely.

Ephesians 6:12 even explains the spiritual hierarchy of the realm of darkness.

The spiritual realm is real, but **the way you engage and respond to spiritual attack is by focusing on God and on what Jesus has done for you.**

A wrong emphasis on spiritual warfare can lead to distraction, powerlessness, and confusion.

For example, if there's a problem in your relationship with someone, you might want to just pray and do "spiritual warfare" to make it better or to force the person to change. This is not what the Bible teaches.

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If it's a relational issue, you need to talk to the person in humility and with wisdom, not just pray and "do spiritual warfare."

In other words, you can't do Ephesians 6 armor of God without doing Ephesians 5, living out the Christian life that Jesus has made available to you.

This is how you engage in the spiritual warfare around you according to the Bible.

You've been blessed with every spiritual blessing, you are a child of God, you've been forgiven of all your sins.

Now, you can go and stand in the face of this relationship challenge no matter what the outcome will be and no matter how the other person responds.

God is a Deliverer and Jesus sets the captives free.

God delivers you from the bondage of sin and the power of it over your life.

Many people pray something like "*God take away my anger.*" Then they feel bad that they got angry again in a few days.

If it just stops at a prayer, then they're not receiving fully all that Jesus has made available to them.

Jesus has so much more for you. He wants to restore you and transform you into His image.

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Jesus died on the cross for the penalty of sin and the power of sin to control your life.

The way you gain victory is by believing what He said and turning from your old ways.

Spiritual warfare is not asking God to take away your sin. Jesus did that on the cross.

It's applying the Word of God because of what Jesus has done.

Receiving His power and standing in the face of struggle – confident in Christ and being transformed daily more into Christ's image.

Spiritual warfare is *not* a secret method of prayer to change a person, a city a church or a nation.

It's the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the right response to it in repentance and faith that brings real transformation.

The power in spiritual warfare is the cross of Christ and the blood that was shed there.

How you apply it to your daily life is what it means to put on the full armor of God.

Colossians 2:13-15

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13 And when you were dead in your wrongdoings and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our wrongdoings,

14 having canceled the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

Where in the Bible Does It Talk About the Armor of God?

The Bible mentions the armor of God in several places.

- Ephesians 6:10-18
- 1 Thes. 5:8
- Romans 13:12
- Isaiah 59:17

Ephesians 6 gives the most detailed explanation and mention of the whole armor of God in the Bible.

1 Thessalonians 5:8 also mentions 2 of the pieces of the armor: the *breastplate of faith and love* and the *helmet of the hope of salvation*.

Romans 13:12 says to put on the *armor of light*. In that passage, to put on the armor of light is to “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom 13:14) and to live as He calls you to live.

What we can take away from this is that the importance of the armor of God is not so much in the analogy of the armor, but in what each part does.

In other words, the main point is not that the breastplate is righteousness as in Ephesians or it's faith and love in 1 Thessalonians.

The point is that righteousness is important as well as faith and love.

The main point of the armor is not the analogy of the individual pieces but the reality and power of the spiritual weapons God has given you.

The Armor is in place to protect you as you walk in the fullness of God! You have all authority and all anointing to accomplish everything you are called to do. AMEN!