

REBOOT

Patriotism:

1. National Anthem
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Bald Eagle
4. Guns and Gold
5. FREEDOM

As Americans we declare that we are:

One Nation UNDER God... With LIBERTY and JUSTICE for all

We pray for PEACE but spend most of our time creating BATTLES

Ephesians 6:10-12

*A final word: **Be strong** in the Lord and in **his mighty power**. Put on all of **God's armor** so that you will be able to **stand firm** against all strategies of the devil. For we are **not fighting against flesh-and-blood** enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the **unseen world**, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.*

Most of us spend our lives fighting the WRONG ENEMY!

Ephesians 6:13-16

*Therefore, put on **every piece of God's armor** so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the **belt of truth** and the **body armor of God's righteousness**. For shoes, put on the **peace that comes from the Good News** so that you will be fully prepared to preach the Good News of peace with God. In addition to all of these, **hold up the shield of faith** to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.*

Ephesians 4:14

Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.

Ephesians 6:17-18

*Put on **salvation as your helmet**, and take the **sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**. **Pray in the Spirit at all times** and on every occasion. Stay **alert and be persistent in your prayers** for all believers everywhere.*

God's strategy for FREEDOM:

1. Cover yourself in HIM
2. Preach the Good News of Christ's salvation
3. Hide behind REAL faith
4. Cover your head in REAL life-giving SALVATION - transformed by renewing your mind
5. Speak God's word, not your opinions and passion points
6. PRAY and bring UNITY through seeing from God's perspective

As FOLLOWERS of CHRIST we must lead the way battling the REAL ENEMY

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Talk it over:

1. What are some of the first thoughts that come to your mind when you hear the word FREEDOM?
2. Read through Ephesians 6:10-18 - What is one key piece of "armor" you want to see in your life?
3. How can we encourage one another to keep our focus on the REAL ENEMY?
4. Who do you know that needs to know TRUE FREEDOM. Pray that God will use you to accomplish His purpose in their life.