

# Understanding the Armor of God

## Preparation for Battle Part 1 -- Dr. Charles Stanley

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## Put On The Armor of God - Ephesians 6:10-18 and Stand Firm

### The Whole Armor of God NLT

<sup>10</sup> A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we<sup>[d]</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. <sup>15</sup> For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.<sup>[e]</sup> <sup>16</sup> In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.<sup>[f]</sup> <sup>17</sup> Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.<sup>[g]</sup>

### The Whole Armor of God ESV

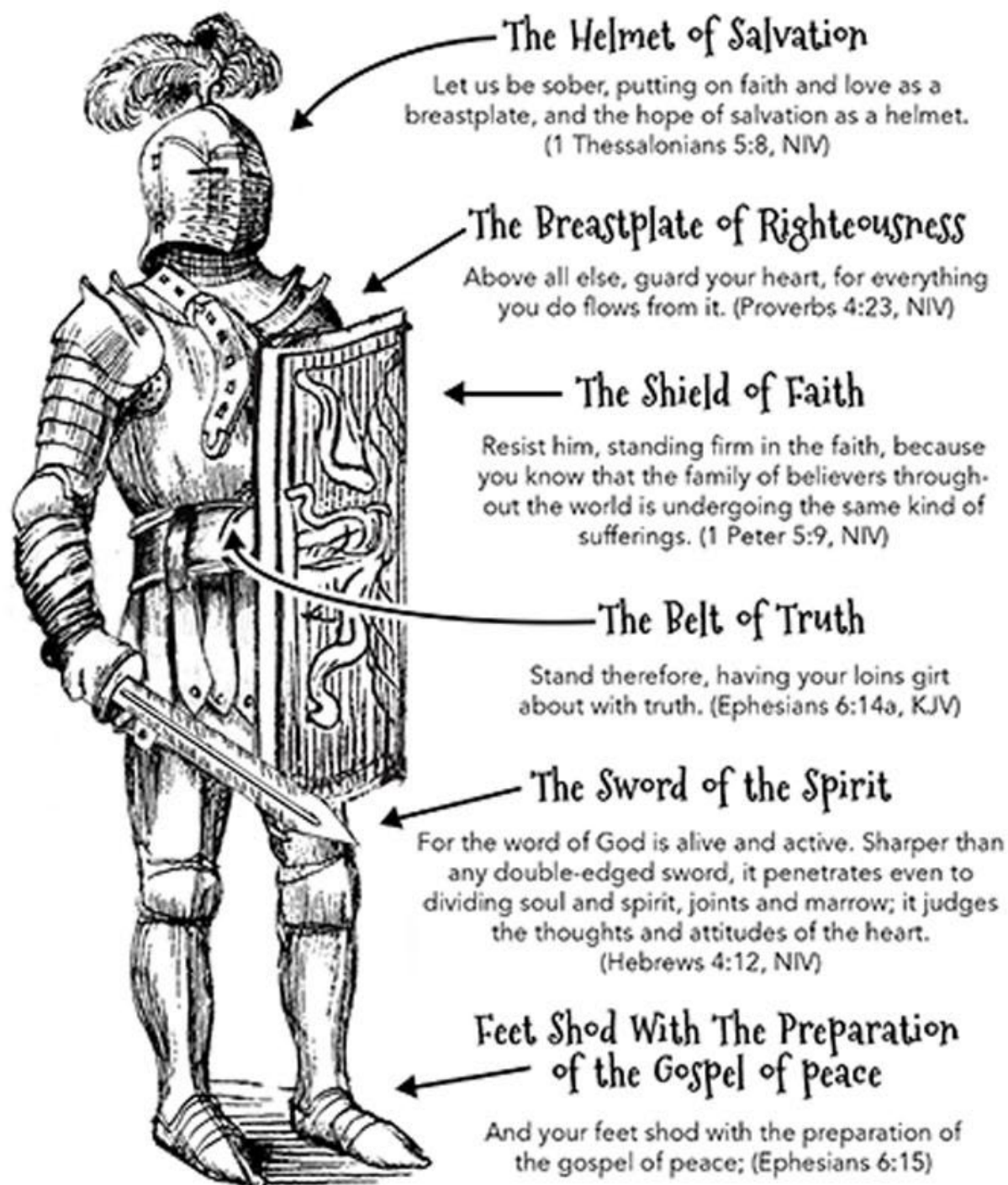
<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

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<sup>10</sup> In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [draw your strength from Him and be empowered through your union with Him] and in the power of His [boundless] might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God [for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier], so that you may be able to [successfully] stand up against all the schemes *and* the strategies *and* the deceits of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) *places*. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, put on the complete armor of God, so that you will be able to [successfully] resist *and* stand your ground in the evil day [of danger], and having done everything [that the crisis demands], to stand firm [in your place, fully prepared, immovable, victorious]. <sup>14</sup> So stand firm *and* hold your ground, having<sup>[d]</sup> tightened the wide band of truth (personal integrity, moral courage) around your waist and having put on the breastplate of righteousness (an upright heart), <sup>15</sup> and having<sup>[e]</sup> strapped on your feet the gospel of peace in preparation [to face the enemy with firm-footed stability and the readiness produced by the good news]. <sup>16</sup> Above all, lift up the [protective]<sup>[d]</sup> shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil *one*. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

<sup>18</sup> With all prayer and petition pray [with specific requests] at all times [on every occasion and in every season] in the Spirit, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition [interceding in prayer] for all<sup>[e]</sup> God's people.

# The Full Armor Of God



**GOD'S ARMOR FOR US**

In the Christian life, we battle against “evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world” (Ephesians 6:12)—the powerful enemy forces of fallen angels headed by the devil, who is a vicious fighter (see, for example, 1 Peter 5:8). To withstand their attacks, we must depend on God’s strength and use every piece of his armor (Ephesians 6:10-17).

<i>Piece of Armor</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Application</i>
<b>Belt</b>	Truth	The devil fights with lies, and sometimes his lies sound like the truth; believers have God’s truth, however, which can defeat those lies.
<b>Body armor</b>	Righteousness	The devil often attacks our hearts—the seat of our emotions, identity, and trust. God’s righteousness is the body armor that protects our hearts and ensures his approval. He approves of us—having sent his Son to die for us—because he loves us.
<b>Shoes</b>	The peace that comes from the Good News	The devil wants us to think that telling others the Good News is a worthless and hopeless task—the size of the task is too big and the negative responses are too much to handle. But the shoes God gives us are the motivation to continue to proclaim the true peace that is available in God—news everyone needs to hear.
<b>Shield</b>	Faith	What we see are the devil’s attacks in the form of things like accusations, setbacks, and temptations. But the shield of faith protects us from his fiery arrows. With God’s perspective, we can see beyond our circumstances and know that ultimate victory is ours.
<b>Helmet</b>	Salvation	The devil wants to make us doubt God and doubt our salvation. The helmet protects our minds from doubting God’s saving work for us.
<b>Sword of the Spirit</b>	The Word of God	The sword is the only offensive weapon in this list of armor; all the others are defensive. There are times when we need to take the offensive against the devil. When we are tempted, we need to trust in the truth of God’s Word and use it to fight.

**6:12 Real Spiritual Enemies** Our enemies who aren’t “flesh-and-blood” are demons, who are under the control of the devil. They aren’t imaginary—they are very real. We face a powerful army whose goal is to defeat the church. When we believe in Jesus, these beings become our enemies, and they try to turn us away from him and back to sin. Although God

assures us that we will ultimately have the victory (Romans 16:20; Revelation 20:10), we must engage in the struggle until Jesus returns because Satan will constantly be battling against all of us who are on the Lord’s side. God has provided us with the supernatural power we need to defeat Satan by filling us with his Holy Spirit and equipping us with his armor (Ephesians 6:13-17).

**OUR TRUE  
IDENTITY  
IN CHRIST**

We have been freed from the penalty for our sins. ....	Romans 3:24
We do not face condemnation. ....	Romans 8:1
We have been freed from the power of sin that leads to death. ....	Romans 8:2
We have been made holy. ....	1 Corinthians 1:2
We have been united with Christ and made pure. ....	1 Corinthians 1:30
We will be given new life when Christ comes back. ....	1 Corinthians 15:21-23
We are new people. ....	2 Corinthians 5:17
We have been made right with God. ....	2 Corinthians 5:21
We are one with all other believers. ....	Galatians 3:28
We have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms. ....	Ephesians 1:3
We have always been loved and chosen by God to be holy and without fault in his eyes. ....	Ephesians 1:4
We have been adopted as God's children. ....	Ephesians 1:5-6
We have been forgiven for our sins. ....	Ephesians 1:7
We are part of God's plan to bring everything under Christ's authority. ....	Ephesians 1:10-11
We have been identified as belonging to God by the presence of the Holy Spirit. ....	Ephesians 1:13
We have been raised from the dead to sit with Christ in the heavenly realms. ....	Ephesians 2:6
We are God's masterpiece. ....	Ephesians 2:10
We have been brought near to God. ....	Ephesians 2:13
We all share in the promise of blessings. ....	Ephesians 3:6
We can come boldly and confidently into God's presence. ....	Ephesians 3:12
We are members of Christ's body, the church. ....	Ephesians 5:29-30
We are complete. ....	Colossians 2:10
We have had our sinful nature cut off. ....	Colossians 2:11
We will have eternal glory. ....	2 Timothy 2:10

**Paul, in Ephesians Helps Us Get Ready for Battle.**  
**We MUST Know and Walk in the Truth of our Identity "In Christ"**

*In 37 verses he shows us the Truth of who we are "In Christ"... read these daily as you armor up for the day. Replace the word "You" with your name.*

1. You are **in Christ Jesus** (Ephesians 1:1)
2. You are **blessed with every spiritual blessing** (Ephesians 1:3)
3. You are **chosen by God to be holy and blameless** (Ephesians 1:4)
4. You are **predestined to adoption through Jesus** (Ephesians 1:5)
5. You are **accepted in the beloved** (Ephesians 1:6)
6. You are **redeemed through His blood** (Ephesians 1:7)
7. You are **forgiven of all your sins** (Ephesians 1:7)
8. You have received **the knowledge of the mystery of His will** (Eph 1:9)
9. You have **wisdom as You try to know His will** (Ephesians 1:8)
10. You are **predestined according to His purpose** (Ephesians 1:11)
11. You have **obtained an inheritance** (Ephesians 1:11)
12. You are **filled with the Holy Spirit of promise** (Ephesians 1:13)
13. You have the **spirit of wisdom and revelation in His knowledge** (Eph 1:17)
14. Your **eyes have been enlightened** (Ephesians 1:18)
15. You know **the hope of your calling** (Ephesians 1:18)
16. You know **the exceeding greatness of His power to you** (Ephesians 1:19)
17. You know **the riches of His inheritance in the saints** (Ephesians 1:18)
18. You are made **alive with Christ** (Ephesians 2:1)
19. You are **raised with Christ and seated in the heavenlies** (Ephesians 2:6)
20. You have been **saved by grace through faith** (Ephesians 2:8)
21. You are **God's handiwork created in Christ Jesus for good works** (Ephesians 2:10)
22. You were once afar off, You are now **made near by the blood of Christ** (Ephesians 2:13)
23. You have **access through Jesus to the Father** (Ephesians 2:18)
24. You are a **fellow citizen with the saints in God's household** (Eph 2:19)
25. You are **built upon the foundation of the apostles and Christ the cornerstone** (Ephesians 2:20)
26. You are able to walk boldly into Christ's presence (Ephesians 3:12)
27. You are strengthened with power through His spirit of the inner man (Ephesians 3:16)
28. You are receiving exceeding, abundantly above all that You ask or think (Ephesians 3:20)
29. You can speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15)
30. You can grow up in all things under him (Ephesians 4:15)
31. You have been renewed in the spirit of your mind (Ephesians 4:23)
32. You have put off the old man (Ephesians 4:22)
33. You once were in darkness, but now You are light in the Lord (Eph 5:8)
34. You are able to walk as a child of light (Ephesians 5:8)
35. You are strong in the Lord and the power of His might (Ephesians 6:10)
36. You choose to put on the whole armor of God and stand (Eph 6:13)
37. You are able to quench all of Satan's darts (Ephesians 6:16)

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Welcome to the In Touch Podcast with Charles Stanley. If believers ever hope to win spiritual battles with Satan, preparation for battle is crucial. Let's continue the series for a practical understanding of how to use the armor of God in fighting the real war.

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**I. Equipping for Spiritual Warfare**

Every morning when you and I wake up, we wake up to a war. I mean a real personal battle that we have to fight. And most folks don't even realize there's a war going on and so they wonder why as a Christian, they live their life and they find themselves being defeated one time after the other. Just when they think they've got something conquered, they're defeated again. Now, one of the primary reasons is they are defeated by an enemy of whom they're totally unaware, living in a battle of which they have no conception whatsoever and then wonder why and oftentimes are critical of the word of God. Wonder where in the world God is and why this book does not work. So the scripture says that you and I are in a battle for our life, not necessarily for our physical life, but we are in a battle for our spiritual life.

Now, if we are in a battle and we know that we are, then we need to get prepared for the battle. And that is the title of this message, Preparation for the Battle. And I want you to turn, if you will, to *Ephesians 6:10-18*, "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the full armor of God that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil." That's his tactics, his methods of defeating us. 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. Therefore, that is because all of this is true, **take up the full armor of God**, that you may be **able to resist in the evil day** and having done everything to stand firm.

**Stand firm, therefore**

- (1) **having girded your loins with truth and**
- (2) **having put on the breastplate of righteousness and**
- (3) **having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.**

*In addition to all this,*

- (4) **taking up the shield of faith** with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one and

- (5) *take the helmet of salvation and*  
(6) *take the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God. With all prayer and petition, pray at all times in the spirit. "*

And with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints. Now, when we think about warfare, let's just refresh your memory about a couple of things.

### 1. Know the Enemy:

First of all, we know who the enemy is. It's very clear. And if you'll notice, he says our enemy is a whole Confederation of those who are against us, the devil, all of his angels, and all of his demonic hosts that work against us every day of our life.

### 2. Know the Enemy's Objectives (1-4):

We know that what his objective is, is that he wants us to (1) doubt the word of God. He wants us to (2) be distracted by worldly things, by material things. He wants to (3) disable us in our witness and testimony any way that he possibly can, disable us for serving God that makes us useless for the kingdom, and to (4) destroy us if at all possible. So when you have an enemy that is committed to those four objectives, you and I know that we have a dangerous enemy. And this isn't something that Satan decides and says, "Well, let's just let off a little bit, No. " All of his demonic forces are there to challenge us, to take advantage of us when we are emotionally or physically or spiritually weak. He is there. They are there to take advantage to tempt us in order to defeat us and destroy us in any possible way. (04:05):

### 3. Know How to Dress for Battle:

Now, if a man's going fishing, he's going to put on some old dirty pants or ragged pants, or if he's going fly fishing, he's going to have a jacket and so forth. If he's going hunting, he's going to have a different kind of paraphernalia on. And if he's going to play golf, he's going to dress a different way. If he's going to war, he's going to have certain things. That is, his battle dress is going to be different. What happens to many Christians? They wake up every morning like they're going to a party and the truth is they're going to battle. And the truth is we are in a war and many people are unprepared. And as we said before, one of the primary reasons we keep on getting defeated is we don't realize who the enemy is, what his tactics are, what his objective is, nor are we prepared to face him.

And you say, "Well, you know this whole idea about warfare and weapons and so forth." I believe in peace and I don't know that I really believe that the Bible talks about war and all of these things. Well, I want you to look, if you will, in *2 Timothy 2:3-4 "Suffer hardship with me as a good soldier of Christ Jesus." ... "No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier."* That's Christ. That is because he knew we were and are in a battle. He said, "We are soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Look in *2 Corinthians 10:4 "For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses."* So, the apostle Paul says, "We're soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ." He says, "We have weapons. They are not material weapons or fleshly weapons, but they're spiritual weapons."

And he says in this passage as believers that you and I are to put on the full armor of God. Now, if our warfare is real and all of us have been defeated enough times in our life to understand and realize we are indeed in a warfare, well, if the war is real, then the weapons must be real and the battle fatigues must also be real. So when he says put on the full armor of God, he literally means to put on the full armor of God.

## II. Gearing Up for Spiritual Battle

And in order to awaken every morning prepared to live our Christian life, he says there are two things you and I need to do. And the first one is to **get dressed** up in the right kind of uniform for what you're going to face. And **assume the proper position**. And so he says, "What is that?" And in this sixth chapter here, I want us to look at it. Now, **I want us to look at the dress for the battle, and then I want us to look at the position that we're to take as we do battle**. Now let me just give you an idea about something here. I can tell you, this is a principle and here's the principle that you and I are to spiritually put on the spiritual armor that God has provided because we are in a spiritual battle.

If we're going to be properly dressed, we have to ask what kind of warfare is it? **It is spiritual warfare**. What kind of weapons? **Spiritual weapons**. Then what kind of dress? **Spiritual dress**. You put it on by faith. So what I want to do is to go through this armor and then let's apply it to our own life. And I want you to see how very important every piece of it is. Notice he didn't say, put on some of it. He said, put on what? The full armor of God.

So, let's look at it in the order he's placed it here first. He says, having your

1. **Loins girded about with truth. (Belt of Truth)** What is he talking about? A Roman soldier wore a piece like a skirt that covered his whole abdominal region and it was leather and sometimes it would be covered with metal overlay to protect him. And this girdle wrapped around him also held the scabbard for his sword and this buckled together. So, he said, "Put on, first of all, have your loins gird about with truth." He's talking about that girdle that the Roman soldiers wore. Then he said,
2. **Put on the Breastplate of Righteousness.**" And so the Romans wore a vest. It was usually made of leather. And also, oftentimes it was covered with metal to protect them from the arrows that may come or the strike of a sword. And you had to hit very hard with an ax or a sword very hard in order to break through that metal and also to pierce that leather. So that was a protection for their upper body. Also, he said,
3. **Have your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. [Shoes of Peace]**" The sandals they wore were very thick sandals and they wrapped around their ankles. But the interesting things that often times those sandals had spikes or like nails about four inches long. And the reason for that is when he says here, stand firm, when they put those sandals down, they could stand very firm, very steady. And oftentimes they would stand shoulder to shoulder, shield to shield, very sturdy, and it would be very, very difficult to knock a man off balance like that. Oftentimes when they were fighting, they had a very, very sturdy stand because of that. Likewise, this is sort of gory, but it's the way it happened. They knocked a man down. Sometimes they'd just step on him. And four inch sharp nails like spikes would do great damage. And so every single piece of equipment they had was there for a purpose. And then if you'll notice what he says, not only the sandals, but he said,
4. **In addition to all this, taking up the Shield of Faith.**" Now that shield that he's referring to here is not one of those little round shields that oftentimes you see on pictures of Roman soldiers. They use those small shields, but the word here for shield is the same word in the Greek for door. And so this shield was a large wooden shield. Sometimes it was surrounded by some form of metal. It was also overlaid with leather and oftentimes on top of that was metal. This shield was so large that a man could absolutely totally cover his body. He could stand the shield up and hide behind it. So every single piece was used in a very calculated fashion. The shield of faith, he says above all, because no matter what else they may have had, a man at least had some vulnerable spots except that his shield kept him totally covered. And so he says above all of

these, he says, taking the shield of faith, which is able to quench the fiery darts of the missiles. And what he's referring to here is that when they would fire a whole avalanche of arrows, sometimes they would dip them in pitch and then set them on fire. So when that arrow hit, if it hit someone, of course, it catches them on fire. Sometimes what they would do if the shields did not have metal on them, they would soak them good in water so that when the fiery missiles or arrows hit them, of course, it would put out the fire and it would not hurt them. Then if you'll notice he says,

5. **And take the Helmet of Salvation.** Now, probably the most valuable piece of equipment they had was this helmet. And sometimes it was very ornately made. It was soft on the inside. It had flaps often on the sides to protect their cheek, and of course to protect their head. And you would have to hit a man with an ax probably in order to break that helmet. And so it was a very valuable piece that they would never go to war without. And then if you'll notice, he says,
6. **Take the Sword of the Spirit.** The sword is the only offensive weapon they had, but it was also a defensive weapon. It was not one of those long swords like you see some swashbucklers using, but these were short swords. And if you'll notice what he says in this passage, he says, verse 12, **"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood."** And the word he uses here for struggle is the same word that they use for wrestling. So we are talking about close hand-to-hand combat. So every single piece of equipment was there for a very particular reason, offensive or defensive.

And so, here's what Paul said, and he knew that his hearers and his readers understood. He said, **"You put on the full armor of God because you're fighting daily against principalities and powers against the rulers of the darkness of this age. These are invisible, intelligent beings that you and I have to deal with called the devil, his angels, and his demonic powers."** And therefore, in order to be prepared to fight against them and to stand against them and to be victorious, we must be dressed properly." And so when he said in this passage, "Therefore, take up the full armor of God and he gave us these illustrations here, he meant exactly what he said." And I wonder how many people have read this down through the years and have said, they just read right on through that and said, "Yes, that's a Roman armor there." But he didn't say, "Look at it." He didn't say, "Read about it." He didn't say, "Think about it." He said, **"Put it on."** So how and why put it on. Let's think about it for a moment. Let's say that tomorrow morning you awaken and you say, "Well, I'm going to put on this armor." Well, how are you going to put it on?

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### **III. Equipping Yourself with the Armor of God – A Daily Prayer Routine, by Faith Learn to Pray for Your Daily Equipping (Top to Bottom Put on the Armor)**

So let me just give you a suggestion of what to think about and how to think about it in putting it on. And let's start from top to bottom.

1. **Lord, I choose to put on the helmet of salvation today in order to protect my thinking.** I only want to think your thoughts, Lord. I want to think the things that please you. I want to think properly about myself, who I am in Christ. I want to think properly, Lord, about you. I want to think properly about others. I do not want to be tempted. And therefore, when Satan sends one of his thoughts my way, I just want to thank you that the helmet of salvation will protect my thinking. **Now remember this, the battlefield for your life is not in your feet nor in your hands. It is in your mind. That's where Satan does his battle and that's where he gets a toehold and the foothold and a fortress into our life to defeat us.** If he can get us thinking the wrong way, believing one of his lies, then he has us. And so first of all, I put on the helmet of salvation to protect my thinking.

2. **Secondly, Lord, I want to thank you that I can put on the breastplate of righteousness to protect my emotions.** Lord, I only want to feel what you want me to feel. And the Bible says, "Guard your affections for out of your affections are the issues of life. That is, Lord, don't let me respond by my feelings. Let me respond on the basis of who I am in Christ Jesus, on the basis of what I know in my mind, in my relationship to you. Lord, don't allow me to respond simply by my emotions. Lord, I want to thank you that I can put on the breastplate of righteousness to protect my emotions today.
3. **Lord, I want to thank you that I can put on the belt of truth.** I want to know the truth, I want to live with the truth. I want to walk in the truth, and I want to share the truth. And in order for me to put on the truth, I've got to be in the word because it is from the word of God that you and I find the truth. And God wants us meditating on a day and night. That is, we should be in at least a little bit in the morning and a little bit in the evening. He says, get up in the morning and give him thanks, go to bed in the evening and thank him for his faithfulness all day long. Lord, I want to put on the girdle of truth. I want to know the truth. I do not want to be deceived. Lord, protect me from Satan's lies. Let me know the truth. I want to pursue the truth. Apply the truths that I know to my life. When I listen to people talk, Lord, I want to be able to sift what they say through the truth that I know. Then I will know if I'm hearing error or if I'm hearing truth. I put on the girl of truth.
4. **Lord, I want to thank you today that I'm putting on the sandals of peace.** Father, wherever I go today, wherever you send me, I want to be a peacemaker. I want to be able to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in such a fashion that I will be able to be used as a tool of God to bring peace with people in their relationship to God, peace among brothers and sisters together. But Lord, I want to be a vessel of peace. And as you and I are dressed in the right uniform for the battle, we can go, no matter what's going on, we can bring peace in the midst of conflict if we are properly prepared.
5. **Lord, I just want to thank you today for the shield of faith.** I want to thank you that no matter how many fiery missiles Satan throws at me, how many temptations come my way. No matter how bad, how intense, I want to thank you for the shield of faith that I can hide behind the faith standing upon the rock of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our faith. Faith is a gift from him. And he says above all taken the shield of faith. It is our faith that makes the difference whether we succeed or fail or whether we go down in defeat or whether we are victorious with the enemies. I want to thank you Lord today that I have the shield of faith and I stand on the basis of who I am and you and I praise you for it. And then he says,
6. **Lord, I just want to thank you today for the word of the Spirit** . And listen, if I'm thankful for the word of God and I'm wielding the word of God, that means I'm in the word, studying the word, making it a part of my life. He says, taking the sword of the spirit. That is using it. How am I going to use it? I'm going to use it to share it with people who need to be saved. And you see, the sword of the spirit cuts deep, bringing about conviction. The sword of the spirit penetrates, the Bible says to the very quick, all the way down to the spirit, reaching inside of a person, bringing into the realization of who they are and their need of Jesus Christ. So, we use it as an offensive weapon. Then we use it also as a defensive weapon. Lord, I want to thank you that if I am attacked today, I'll go to the promises of the word of God and be reminded of what you said.

**And so, Lord, today I want to thank you that, I am now, by faith dressed for the battle.**

## Comments, Questions and Feedback

Your thoughts or comments.

Can you summarize what this message or passage says to you?

What did it say about God?

What did it say about people?

How can you apply what you have learned?

**Now make your own “I will.....” statement to make it personal.**

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