

The Armor from God

Ephesians 6:10-18

- The Christian has three spiritual enemies that are opposed to living the Christian life.
 - Satan attacks through the human spirit: rational mind.
 - A mental battle of wills; thought—counter thought.
 - The armor from God is an empowerment to stand against the devil.
 - The importance of the whole armor: not piecemeal.
- A.** You bind yourselves about surrounded by **truth** (Eph. 6:14).
- a. Measuring the situation by Scripture.
 - b. Identify the enemy as Satan, take attack seriously, and pinpoint the exact lust from Satan.
 - c. Resists lying, tattling/gossip.
- B.** You clothe yourselves with the breastplate consisting of **righteousness** (Eph. 6:14).
- a. Your positional righteousness in Christ (1 Cor. 1:30-31; 2 Cor. 6:7; Eph. 4:23-24; Eph. 5:8-9; Phil. 1:11).
 - b. The Breastplate of Righteousness is reminding one's self that any righteousness we have is by grace; we can only do what is right in God's sight by His power and His grace.
 - c. Resists pride, independence from God.
- C.** You strap on your feet the **readiness** concerning the Gospel of Peace.
- a. Peace with God (Rom. 5:1).
 - b. A gift from God, not earned.
 - c. Resists idleness, stealing, bitterness.
- D.** You take up the shield consisting of **the faith**.
- a. Changing circumstances or opportunities,
 - b. The faith: body of doctrine will work (1 Pet. 5:7-9; James 4:7; 1 Cor. 10:13, *cf.* Rom. 14:23).
- E.** You take the Helmet of **Salvation**.
- a. We are in a different spiritual family than most.
 - b. We are kept saved by Christ's life, present tense salvation (Rom. 4:25; 5:10; 8:34; Heb. 7:25).
- F. After** Satan leaves, we **communicate to God** (Eph. 6:18).
- a. While worshiping supplicate for one's self.
 - b. Then supplicate for other Christians that they overcome Satan.