

## **Putting on the Armor from God** (Eph. 6:10-17)

*Be vigilant and resist by The Faith*

- I.** Satan tries to corrupt our logical process when thinking about spiritual things (2 Cor. 4:4).
  1. Satan attacks through mental thoughts (Eph. 6:12).
  2. He can manipulate circumstances: illness, weather, governments, etc. (book of Job).
  3. He cannot touch a Christian (1 Jn. 5:18).
  4. Our defense is the Armor from God—a mental process.
  5. In order to put on the armor, the Christian has to be relatively victorious over the sin nature (Eph. 6:10).
  6. The armor is a unit: “whole” (vv. 11, 13).
  7. The armor allows successful resistance: “stand” (vv. 11, 13, 14; Jam. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:9).
  8. There is a logical sequence in putting on the armor.
- II.** “Therefore, you stand, you having bound around yourselves with truth” (v. 13).
  1. “Loins of the mind” (1 Pet. 1:13), the thoughts that passes through the mind.
  2. **Truth:** seeing the spiritual situation as it really exists, as measured by Scripture and responding accordingly.
    - 1) Is this an attack from Satan?
    - 2) Am I in right relationship to the Father?
    - 3) Is my commitment at the Father’s right hand in Christ?
    - 4) Am I understanding that I need empowerment from the Holy Spirit?
    - 5) Am I taking this attack seriously?
    - 6) What specific lust(s) is being put in my thinking?
  3. **Loins:** most vulnerable area, soft spot.
    - 1) Take care of the most sensitive area first.
    - 2) Make a logical defense—not emotionally.
    - 3) Recognize that conditionally the Holy Spirit will provide thoughts opposing Satan’s disinformation.
      - i. This does not mean the “bad” thoughts go away.
      - ii. It does mean the Holy Spirit’s alternative will become more appealing.
- III.** The Loins gird with Truth is in direct opposition to lying and gossiping.