

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

The Sword belonging to the Spirit (v. 17)

- I.** The Armor is a defensive thought process pictured as a soldier's armor.
 1. The Armor is for spiritual Christians (2 Tim. 2:25-26).
 2. **Loins** wrapped with **truth** (v. 14).
 3. Having clothed yourself with the **breastplate** consisting of **righteousness** (v. 14).
 4. And having shod your **feet** with a readiness regarding the **Gospel of peace** with God (v. 15).
 5. Taking up the **shield** consisting of specific **faith**: applicable promises to current situation.
 6. The **helmet** of **salvation**: primarily present tense salvation—Christ's current ministry keeps us saved.
- II.** "And (*you take*) the sword belonging to the Spirit, which Spirit is an utterance from God." (v. 17). [Note: "which" agrees in gender with Spirit, not "sword."]
 1. "Word" is not "logos" and is not the entire Bible.
 2. The superstitious-awe approach.
 - 1) Hold up the Bible as a sword to directly fight Satan.
 - 2) Start quoting memorized verses.
 - 3) Misuse Jesus as an example of this behavior (*cf.* Mt. 4:7-8).
 - 4) Jesus referred to specific Scripture that exactly fit the situation; Satan kept attacking for 40 days.
 3. The "sayings" belonging to the Spirit take place in the Christians mind; it is for the Christian.
 4. An example how precise Scripture is (Heb. 4:12).
 5. The sword reminds one of concepts in Scripture as they exactly relate to his situation, prodding the mind of the Christian.
 6. These sayings from Scripture fill any vulnerable areas of thinking.
 7. The Holy Spirit uses one's knowledge of Scripture to provide counter thoughts of corrupt speech or being a busybody.
- III.** Summary of putting on the Armor.
 1. It is not for carnal Christians.
 2. The sin nature must necessarily be under control first.
 3. There is a sequence in putting on the armor.
 4. Although certain parts are mutually excusive to specific lusts from Satan, the entire armor must be put on.
 5. The Armor is defensive; you do not attack Satan; you stand.
 6. The Armor does not involve prayer, yet.
- IV.** The Armor is put on by the Christian mentally and then the Holy Spirit enables the Christian's mind to be occupied with these thoughts that will render Satan's lusts inoperative, not effective.