

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

After he flees (Jam. 4:7)

- 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.
 7. The **sword** belonging to the **Spirit**: the Holy Spirit brings specific "sayings" from Scripture to mind in order to rouse the Christian.
- II.** "When you stand against the devil, then he will flee from you."
 1. The circumstance may not change, but Satan's attack will ultimately cease (Jam. 4:7 *cf.* 1 Cor. 10:13).
 2. The whole armor always works.
 3. "The way out"
 - 1) **The Flesh**: "on one hand count yourself dead (separated) from the sin nature and on the other hand living unto the Father in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:11).
 - 2) **Satan**: "put on the whole armor from God" (Eph. 6:10-17).
- III.** Carnal Christians have the potential to overcome our spiritual enemies.
 1. Provided they change their mind and determine to please the Father (2 Cor. 7:8-10).
 2. Otherwise, they would always remain carnal.
 3. The carnal Christian always loses to Satan (Eph. 2:2-3).
- IV.** After the battle (Eph. 6:18).
 1. Prayer is not mentioned as part of the armor.
 2. "Through praying every time with worship and supplication . . . supplicate on behalf of all the saints."
 3. Supplicate that other Christians use the armor when attacked.
 4. Paul as an example of supplication (Eph. 6:19).
 5. Here communication with the Father has an order: recognize Him for who and what He is, then communicate regarding others.
- V.** The priority: take care of your own spiritual life so you can then aide in the spiritual life of other Christians.

The Whole Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-19

Specific Part of the Armor		Satan's Lust Involved
Loins consisting of Truth	←	Lying Tattling
Breastplate consisting of positional Righteousness	←	Pride Independence
Feet consisting of Gospel of Peace	←	Stealing Idleness Bitterness
Shield consisting of Faith	←	Doubt
Helmet consisting of Salvation	←	Discouragement Disappointment Cowardice Unforgiving Spirit
Sword belonging to the Spirit	←	Filthy Speech Being a Busybody