

The Full Armor of God (Living a Life of Victory)

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Ephesians 6:10-18

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

- **THERE IS A BATTLE AND OUR ENEMY IS SATAN, NOT PEOPLE**

Ephesians 6:12

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

- **GOD GIVES US STRENGTH FOR THE BATTLE**

Ephesians 6:10-11, 13

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13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground...

2 Chronicles 20:15

15... "This is what the Lord says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's.'"

1. **THE BELT OF TRUTH**

Ephesians 6:14

14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist...

2. **THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Ephesians 6:14

14 Stand firm then... with the breastplate of righteousness in place...

Romans 3:21-22

21 But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe...

3. **THE GOSPEL OF PEACE**

Ephesians 6:14-15

14 Stand firm then... 15... with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Romans 2:4

4 ... God's kindness leads you toward repentance.

John 14:27

[Jesus said] “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

4. **THE SHIELD OF FAITH**

Ephesians 6:16

16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

5. **THE HELMET OF SALVATION**

Ephesians 6:17

17 Take the helmet of salvation...

Ephesians 2:8

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

Romans 8:16

16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

6. **THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT (THE WORD OF GOD)**

Ephesians 6:17

17 Take ... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Our armor is covered by...

7. **PRAYER**

Ephesians 6:18

18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.