

CHASING THE WIND

Part 13: The Armor of God

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Ephesians 6:10-20 ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION (ESV)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the

readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Prepare (*verses 10-13*)

What are you fighting against today?

Stand Firm (*verses 14-15*)

Belt/Girdle of Truth

Our victory in Christ gives us the truth necessary to conquer any and every lie.

Breastplate of Righteousness

A life of righteousness empowers us to stand boldly in the midst of deadly attacks.

Shoes of Peace

The peace found in the gospel of Christ gives us power over everything.

**The armor of God is first and foremost
an all-powerful defense in the presence of any offense.**

Take Up (*verses 16-20*)

Shield of Faith

God loves us so much that he gives us more than the minimum and supplies us with a shield to take a beating for us.

Helmet of Salvation

Salvation supplies confidence in the midst of chaos.

Sword of the Spirit

The Word of God is the only weapon necessary to win our battles.

Ephesians 6:23-24

Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Have you heard this passage about the Armor of God or is it new to you?
What's your gut response to the idea?
- 2) What enemy are you battling right now?
- 3) Which piece of the armor connected with you the most?
- 4) Which piece of the armor do you need more of right now?
- 5) What is one way we can join you in your battle?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?