# The Armor Of God (Part 2)

"Be Strong In The Lord..." Ephesians 6:10-20



"Stand Therefore" Ephesians 6:14–17

Leave No Unguarded Place

(1 Peter 5:8)

## The Armor Of God

Verse 14 The girdle of truth. John 8:32

- a. Trust in God and your salvation found there. Ephesians 1:13
- b. Speak truth in love. Ephesians 4:15
- c. Truth is in Jesus. Ephesians 4:21
- d. Always speak truthfully. Ephesians 4:25
- e. The fruit of the Spirit in your life. Ephesians 5:9

# The Armor Of God

Verse 14 The breastplate of righteousness.

- a. Character of the "new man." Ephesians 4:17-24; Matthew 15:18-20
- b. Holy living, moral uprightness ... protects you against the devil. Godliness and integrity serve as an iron vest. James 4:7

Psalms 119:144 "Thy testimonies are righteous for ever: give me understanding, and I shall live"

#### The Armor Of God

Verse 15 <u>Shod your feet with the preparation of the</u> gospel of peace.

NOTE: No soldier can defend or conquer without readiness!

- a. To walk in good works of God. Ephesians 2:10
- b. To walk worthily of our calling. Ephesians 4:1
- c. To NOT walk like the lost in the world. Ephesians 4:17
- d. To walk in love. Ephesians 5:1
- e. To walk as children of light. Ephesians 5:8
- f. To walk carefully throughout life. Ephesians 5:15

Psalms 119:133 "Establish my footsteps in thy word; and let not any iniquity have dominion over me."

## The Armor Of God

Verse 16 <u>The shield of faith</u>. "Unshakable trust in undeniable fact." cf. Hebrews 11 NOTE: Full body covering. 4 X 2 ½ feet.

- a. A faith that is lived and known. Ephesians 1:15
- b. A faith which relies on God for salvation. Ephesians 2:8
- c. A faith by which Christ dwells in our heart. Ephesians 3:17
- d. A faith that is one (united) in Christ. Ephesians 4:5, 13.

Psalms 119:114 "Thou art my hiding-place and my shield. Hope in thy word."

Micky Galloway 1

## The Armor Of God

Verse 17 <u>The helmet of salvation</u> Leather or metal, often decorated to be held high.

- a. Present reality. Ephesians 2:5
- b. Future reward. cf. 2 Corinthians 4:16ff; 1 Peter 1:3-9; etc.
- > Protects against despair and fear.

## The Armor Of God

Verse 17 <u>The sword of the Spirit ... the word of</u> God.

- a. Secures one's faith. Ephesians 1:13 (2 Peter 1:10)
  - All sufficient. 2 Timothy 3:16–17; Hebrews 4:12
  - Effective. cf. Matthew 4:1-11; cf. Acts 2:37
- b. The word of peace Jesus preached. Ephesians 2:17-18.
- c. Revealed, written and understandable. Ephesians 3:3-5
- d. To be spoken in love. Ephesians 4:15
- e. By it Christ sanctifies and cleanses His church. Ephesians 5:26 (cf. Revelation 2:16)

Psalms 119:11 "Thy word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against thee."

## The Armor Of God

#### Summary:

- All we need to win the battle! All found in the Scriptures.
- Spiritual reality.
- Moral uprightness.
- Preparedness.
- Absolute trust.
- Assurance of a right relationship with God.
- The revelation of God's mind and will.

# The Armor Of God

- There is *no other protection* and *no other confidence* of <u>victory over sin</u> except in the strength of His might (Ephesians 6:10).
- Loins girded with truth.
- Breastplate of righteousness.
- Feet shod with preparation ...
- Shield of faith.
- Helmet of salvation.
- Sword of the Spirit.

Worthless Without Use! cf.

Hebrews 5:14

,

Micky Galloway 2