

## The Armor Of God

(Part 1)

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

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**Verse 10 "Finally, ..."** Paul begins to draw his epistle to a close, he has described:

**Chapter 1** The Christian's possessions in Christ (*"every spiritual blessing"*).

**Chapter 2-3** The Christian's position in Christ (*"fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God"*).

**Chapters 4-6** The Christian's purpose in Christ (*"to have a walk worthy of the calling"*).

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Ephesians 6:10-20 To effectively carry out our "purpose," Paul's final concern is that the Christian ***be "strong"***

### Essentials:

1. Knowledge of the enemy.
2. Relying on the right ally.
3. Utilizing the right equipment.

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Verses 10-11a The Source Of This Strength.  
From The Lord, Not Ourselves ...

*"be strong IN THE LORD"*  
*"in the power OF HIS MIGHT"*

- Already addressed. Ephesians 1:19; 3:16,20; cf. Philippians 2:12-13; 4:13
- It is "armor" that GOD supplies.
- It is "armor" that we must ***"put on,"*** i.e., it is not something we have in and of ourselves.
- Yet, the armor does not make the soldier!

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Verses 11b-13 The Need For This Strength (1 Peter 5:8)  
To *"stand against the wiles of the devil ..."*

- "Wiles" (literally, cunning arts, deceit, craft, trickery. Ephesians 4:14), but Christians need not be ignorant of his "devices." cf. 2 Corinthians 2:11
- False doctrine. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4; 1 Timothy 4:1-3
- Satan has ministers. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
- Illicit desires of the flesh and mind. Ephesians 2:1-3; 4:17ff
- Persecution upon those who try to do right. 1 Peter 5:8-9; 1 Thessalonians 3:3
- Persecutions from those dear to us. Matthew 10:34-36
- Battleground is in the mind. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

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### **NOTE: The Devil Has Help!**

To wrestle against:

*"Principalities and powers"*

- Those who have rule and authority in the spiritual realm. Ephesians 1:3,20; 2:6; 3:10; 6:12  
*"World rulers of this darkness" cf. Ephesians 2:2; 2 Corinthians 4:4*

*"Spiritual hosts of wickedness" ... "In the heavenly places." cf. 1 Timothy 4:1-3*

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**NOTE: We Have Help!**

1. Through the death Of Jesus, the prince of the world is cast out. John 12:31
2. Devil brought to naught. Hebrews 2:14
3. Christ able to "succor" them that are tempted. Hebrews 2:18
4. Christ lives to make intercession. Hebrews 4:14-16; 7:25

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(1 Peter 5:8) *NOTE: 1 Peter 5:9*

**"Wherefore, TAKE UP the WHOLE armor of God"**

*"To stand against the wiles of the devil" (verse 11)*  
*"withstand in the evil day" (verse 13) ... we need, not part, but the **WHOLE** armor God provides the Christian!*  
 > EVERY element Paul now describes is essential to be  
*"Strong in the Lord and in the power of His might" (Verse 10)*

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**EPHESIANS 6:10-18**  
Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. — 1:10, 11

**The Shield of Faith** (Eph. 6:16)  
 Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises. Faith in God protects you when you are tempted to doubt.

**The Helmet of Salvation** (Eph. 6:17)  
 Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again.

**The Breastplate of Righteousness** (Eph. 6:16)  
 Righteousness is being honest, good, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people.

**The Belt of Truth** (Eph. 6:16)  
 Truth keeps us from giving in to the world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and actions to the truth of the Word of God.

**The Sword of the Spirit** (Eph. 6:17)  
 which is the Word of God.

**Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace** (Eph. 6:15)  
 The Gospel of Peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said peacemakers were blessed.

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**"Stand Therefore" Ephesians 6:14-17**

Leave No Unguarded Place

(1 Peter 5:8)

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