

## **"Our Powerful Armor" – Part II**

*Ephesians 6:10-17*

Introduction: There is more than one kind of warfare.

Every day we enter a battle zone of spiritual conflict. If we ignore that fact we will become casualties, seriously wounded and minimally effective for Jesus' service. Get to know what your armor is and use it every day to stand firm for Jesus!

### **I. Our Call To Stand Strong In The Battle (:10-12)**

- A.** Be continually strengthened in God's power (:10).
- B.** Clothe yourself with every instrument of spiritual warfare to stand firm. (:11).
  - 1.** Put on = to sink into clothing, clothe one's self
  - 2.** The full armor of God = "pan" + "hoplon": "all"+ "weapon, instrument, armor, implement"
  - 3.** "To stand firm" = "stand, set, establish, make firm, fix".
  - 4.** "The schemes of the devil": the methodical, carefully crafted schemes of the devil to steal, kill and destroy.
- C.** Know who the enemy really is (:12)
  - 1.** "Our struggle" = a contest to throw one's opponent down with your hand upon his neck.
  - 2.** People aren't the ultimate enemy.
  - 3.** Against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

- D.** The command and the objective (:13).  
*Take up the full armor of God...to resist...to stand firm.*

### **II. The Weapons We Need To Stand Strong In The Battle (:14-17)**

- A.** The belt of the truth (:14a)  
The truth of God's Word that holds everything else together.

- B.** The breastplate of righteousness (:14b).  
Perfectly protecting our hearts knowing that we are made righteous through faith in Jesus Christ.
- C.** The boots of the gospel (:15).  
The all-purpose, all-saving gospel which is our only means of making progress.
- D.** The shield of Faith (:16).  
Our shield in every spiritual battle that rages against you. Faith protects us from the enemy's "missiles".
- E.** The helmet of Salvation (:17a).  
We guard our minds with the assurance of salvation.
- F.** The sword of God's Word (:17b).  
The only offensive weapon mentioned, the Word of God.

### **III. Conclusion**

- A.** Am I:
  - 1.** Operating in the truth?
  - 2.** Justified by faith and behaving righteously?
  - 3.** Advancing the gospel?
  - 4.** Trusting in the Lord?
  - 5.** Resting in my salvation?
  - 6.** Responding with God's Word?