

# **The Whole Armour of God**

**Six Pieces For a Successful Life**

Ephesians 6:10-17

# Introduction

- After five chapters...
- After writing about our roles as Christians.
- Paul has come to a conclusion.
- Paul has a powerful final exhortation.
- Resisting the temptations of the devil.

# Introduction (2)

## *Verse 10a*

*Finally, my brethren,*

Like a salutation in a letter...

Chosen brethren from chapter one.

A final exhortation about our spiritual walk.

# Introduction (3)

## *Verse 10b*

*be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.*

- We can do these things by the power of HIS might!!!
- For Thine is the power!!!
- We have been given the tools to win.
- Christ has already defeated the Devil.
- Christ has already overcome the World.
- We can do all things through Christ.
- We are more than conquerors.
- We must approach with HIS might.

# Introduction (4)

## *Verse 12*

*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

- We are at war!
- Before we can go any further we must understand the importance of the passage.
  - I Peter 5:8
  - A call to arms!
  - Is there not a cause!

# Six and Six

- **Six** words to explain the situation.
  - Let's get the sense
  
- **Six** components to overcome it.
  - Let's understand the metaphor

# Word #1

## Verse 10

*Finally, my brethren, **be** strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*

- Action, Command, Do something, etc.
- We are not called to look or talk strong.

## Word #1 (2)

Deut. 31:6

*Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.*



# Word #2

## Verse 11

*Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

- You cannot do it yourself; you are not strong enough.
- We are to do something.
- We must **put** on the tools necessary to be successful.

# Word #3

## Verse 11

*Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to **stand** against the wiles of the devil.*

- *Mentioned three times; **withstand** once.*
- *We better not be found asleep.*
- *We better not take a rest.*
- *We better not give up.*

# Word #4

## *Verse 12*

*For we **wrestle** not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

- We must understand the effort necessary.*
- Continuous, extreme exertion.*

# Word #5

## Verse 11

*Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the **wiles** of the devil*

- The Devil is crafty.
- He is smarter than you.
- He is allowed to lie.
- He will use your heart.
- He will listen to you.

# Word #6

## Verse 13

*Wherefore take unto you the **whole** armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

- *The armour works together.*
- *It is a **whole** suit of armour.*
- *We cannot leave cracks.*

# Now The Six Components

- We have been given the tools necessary
  - Do we know what they are?
  - Are we putting them on?
  - Are we using them correctly?

# Piece #1

What is this piece of armour called?



# Piece #1 (2)

TRUTH





# Piece #1 (3)

## What is truth?

- The opposite of a lie.
- Hating every false way.
- Yea, hath God said? YES!
- Our foundation.
- Do you have a foundation?
- I am the way, the truth and the life.

# Piece #1 (4)

## What is truth?

It is despising what the devil did to our parents.

It is not being a hypocrite.

Once you compromise on truth you have lost.

## Piece #2

What is this piece  
of armour?



# Piece #2 (2)

RIGHTEOUSNESS



## Piece #2 (3)

# What is Righteousness?

- Deut 6:25

*And it shall be our **righteousness**, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.*

- Ps 15:2

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh **righteousness**, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

## Piece #2 (4)

# What is Righteousness?

- Ps 18:20 The LORD rewarded me according to my **righteousness**; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.
- Ps 18:24 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my **righteousness**, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

## Piece #2 (5)

# What is righteousness?

- Isa 59:17 For He put on **righteousness** as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon His head; and He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.

## Piece #3

What about  
this one?





# Piece #3 (2)

Peace



# Piece #3 (3)

## What is Peace?

- Get rid of any bitterness.
- Let not the sun go down upon your wrath.
- Be a peacemaker.
- Peace is a choice.
- Contentment.
- Learn to get along with each other.
- The Messiah is the Prince of Peace.

# Piece #4

And this one?



# Piece #4 (2)

Faith



# Piece #4 (3)

## What is Faith?

- The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- It believes that God rewards those that diligently seek Him.
- It believes the promises of God.
- It believes the LORD will give strength in time of temptation.
- The Martyrs had great faith to endure.

# Piece #5

Can you guess  
this one?



## Piece #5 (2)

Helmet of  
Salvation



# Piece #5 (3)

## What is salvation?

- 1Th 5:8 *But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, **the hope of salvation.***
- There is no condemnation.
- There is confidence of your final destination.
  - I Cor. 15:19
- The devil hates our confidence.



## Piece #6

Do you  
recognize  
our  
weapon?



## Piece #6 (2)

The Word  
of God



## Piece #6 (3)

# What is the Word of God?

- Is it the NIV? But there are words missing!
- Is it Benny Hinn? But his prophecies don't come true!
- We have a more sure word of prophecy!
- This is our only offensive weapon!
- When Jesus was tempted He fought back with every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

# Conclusion

- Let us not get bogged down in the intricacies of the actual armour.
- The underlying theme is the promises of God.
- Six part sifter for every decision you make.
- The LORD Jesus was the perfect example of all six components.
- Let us stand in this evil generation as victors for our KING.

# Conclusion (2)

- Helmet
- Breastplate
- Girdle
- Shield
- Sword
- Footwear



# Conclusion (3)

- Hope of Salvation
- Righteousness
- Truth
- Faith
- Word of God
- Peace

