



THE INVISIBLE WAR

PART 6

Sermon Overview

God has given us armaments to combat Satan in the form of the Armor of God.

PART SIX

If Jesus is your savior and Lord, you are at war with Satan, and will be attacked. God has given us armaments to combat Satan: the Armor of God.

The Armor is described by Paul in Ephesians 6:10-18:

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit,

which is the word of God.

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

THE UNIFORM

Verses 14-15 list the uniform we must wear daily: the Belt of Truth, Breastplate of Righteousness, and Gospel of Peace.

The Belt of Truth

In ancient times, soldiers would tuck their tunics into their belt to prevent them from stumbling. Christians, equipped with the belt of truth, which is a grounding in the Bible, will not stumble when exposed to false teaching.

The Breastplate of Righteousness

Breastplates were designed to protect soldiers' vital organs. The Breastplate of Righteousness is a reminder to focus on the righteousness of Christ, which He has applied to us through His death and resurrection. We are not saved by our effort and hard work, but by the grace of God through Christ.

The Gospel of Peace

Soldiers would not wear flip flops into battle—but sturdy boots. We must be grounded in the irrefutable truth that in

Christ, and Christ alone, we now have peace with God.

THE DEFENSIVE WEAPONS

Verses 16–17 list the defensive weapons that God has given us: the Shield of Faith and Helmet of Salvation.

The Shield of Faith

Roman soldiers used large shields coated in metal which could extinguish flaming arrows. For the Christian, the Shield of Faith is the pleading of the blood of Christ.

The Helmet of Salvation

We are saved by the grace of God, through faith in Christ. The Helmet of Salvation is remembering this, and practicing daily intimacy with God in prayer.

THE ONE AND ONLY OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE WEAPON

Verse 17 lists the Sword of the Spirit as the one and only offensive and defensive weapon in the armor set.

The Sword of The Spirit

Soldiers would use their sword both to protect from enemy strikes, but also to attack. The Sword of the Spirit is The Word of God. We must yield to the Holy Spirit and familiarize ourselves with the Bible so that we can both protect ourselves from false teachings, and speak God's Word into the lives of the spiritually dead. God's Word pierces the heart, and never returns void.