
Armor of God

Not just for defense.

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Ephesians

Chapter 6

Verses 10 – 20

KJV

Paul the Apostle is the author ...

- His letter to the Ephesians
 - Or to the ekklesia at Ephesus
- Specific instruction to believers
 - Be strong in the Lord
 - Put on the full armor of God
 - Praying always
- Why?
 - To stand against the wiles of the devil
 - To withstand in the evil day

Ephesians 6:10-13 KJV

- Introduction

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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. 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.

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- my brethren: **fellow believers**
- be strong in the Lord: **the source is the Lord, relying on His strength**
- and in the power of His might: **He is sovereign, all powerful**
- put on the whole armour of God: **a call to action**
- that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil:
why we need to answer the call to action

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- 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: **this is a spiritual wrestling match**
- take unto you the whole armour of God: **reiteration of the call to action**
- that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day: **reiteration of the reason to answer the call**
- and having done all, to stand: **have we done all?**

Ephesians 6:14-18 KJV

- Instruction to Action

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints;

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- Instruction for Action

- stand therefore: a call to action (not a passive event)**
- having your loins girt about with truth: the core strength, or foundation, is truth**
- having on the breastplate of righteousness: covered by the righteousness of the Lord**
- your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace: carrying the gospel to others**
- above all, taking the shield of faith: acting in faith is most important**

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- wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked: **successful battle comes from faith in God****
- take the helmet of salvation: **security is in Christ****
- and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: **the Word is revelation for the basis of life in Christ****
- praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints: **joining together in caring for one another – becoming unified****

Ephesians 6:19-20 KJV

- Inclusion and Result

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- and for me: personal request for prayer – self inclusion**
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- to make known the mystery of the gospel: to reach out to the brethren as well as the yet to be believers**
- for which I am an ambassador in bonds: knowing his identity in Christ; do I?**
- that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak: obeying the call – in obedience, love, truth**

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Every	Represents	Defending	Moving
Piece	Attitudes	Ourselves	Against
Of	And / Or	Fellow Believers	Darkness
Armor	Behaviors	The Kingdom	Wickedness
			Opposition Kingdom
Armor and Weapons	Wielded in Faith	Defending One Another	Advancing the
			Kingdom of God

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- Passivity leads to erosion of faith and opens one up to spiritual troubles

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*Therefore to him that knoweth to do good,
and doeth it not, to him it is sin.*

The Epistle of James

Chapter 4, Verse 17

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So it is with the Armor of God.

We are not called to put the armor on daily so we can hide in Christ and take no action.

We are called to use the armor, our security in the Lord, as the basis for operating in obedience to the call we have.

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equates to

Clothed in Christ

But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.

Romans 13:14

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For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Galatians 3:27

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Armor of God

and

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Christ

are simultaneously

Being

and

Doing

Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

KJV

Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on Me, the works that I do he shall do also;

John 14:12a

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Conclusion

Considering the armor of God as being clothed in Christ, and what has been presented in this study, the following proclamation can be made.

However, it cannot be made if this study is in error or if there is a lack of belief and/or faith to make such a declaration.

Conclusion

I have as my foundation the truth of God which is my protection against deception and is firm footing for me to move forward in following the Lord. Being covered under the righteousness of Christ, I am freed from guilt and shame, and I can stand in righteousness in the authority and power He gives to me. As I live in the Kingdom of God, with the peace and salvation that only God can give, I can act in peace and love, overcoming evil, while I join in expanding the Kingdom through sharing the Gospel of peace. I believe and trust in God and His ways which enables me to quench the spiritual attacks of the enemy, as well as to walk in obedience in love

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as I follow the call of God on my life. I have security in my Savior and Lord unto eternal life as He will finish the work which He began, and I can confidently follow Christ as His disciple. I use the Word of God to counteract the lies and temptations of the enemy, as well as declaring its truths of the Kingdom. Being in continuous interaction with God through prayer for myself and others, I can seek salvation and refuge from wickedness as well as building faith in declaring truth and decreeing victory over the enemy. All glory and honor and thanks be unto God Almighty through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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The armor of God is a spiritual matter that is described to us in terms of physical items. We are at war with the enemy, so the armor makes sense as our example. If you are led to put on the armor daily, go for it. Follow the Lord as He leads you. Keep in mind that you are clothing yourself in Christ. Ask Him to reveal to you the deeper matter of the armor and all that it represents. Walk in victory with the Lord and go in peace.