

Finally, 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.

so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground...

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the

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authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God,

Armored Up!

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Ephesians 6:10-18

How do we step into Christ's victory as our own?

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NOTES

Four types of people found on the spiritual battlefield:

- Spectators – They watch.
- Warriors – They face the enemy in active combat.
“More than conquerors through him that loved us.”

Roman 8:37

- Traitors – They desert the conflict, run from the battle.
- Clueless – They don't even know the battle's going on.

“Father, forgive them, they don't know what they're doing.” Luke 23:34

We see all of these among the disciples, soldiers, and religious leaders before and after the crucifixion and resurrection.

Jesus won the spiritual battle that had been raging for three years in His ministry.

He wants us to learn how to live in His victory.

“Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on God's complete armor. Then you'll be able to stand firm against the devil's trickery. The warfare we're



engaged in, you see, isn't against flesh and blood. It's against the leaders, against the authorities, against the powers that rule the world in this dark age, against the wicked spiritual elements in the heavenly places."

"For this reason, you must take up God's complete armor. Then, when wickedness grabs its moment, you'll be able to withstand, to do what needs to be done, and still be on your feet with it's all over. So stand firm! Put the belt of truth around your waist; put on justice as your breastplate; for shoes on your feet, ready for battle, take the good news of peace. With it all, take the shield of faith; if you've got that, you'll be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is God's Word."

"Pray on every occasion in the Spirit, with every type of prayer and intercession. You'll need to keep awake and alert for this, with all perseverance and intercession for all God's holy ones – and also for me! Pray that God will give me his words to speak when I open my mouth so that I can make known, loud and clear, the secret truth of the gospel. That, after all, is why I'm a chained-up



ambassador! Pray that I may announce it boldly; that's what I'm duty-bound to do."

Ephesians 6:10-20 (N.T. Wright)

Paul boldly shared the good news of God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ and faced furious opposition.

Three Calls to Action

- Stand in Jesus Christ
- Armor UP
- Forward in Word and Prayer – Keep Sharing the Gospel

Stand

"Do everything you can to take your stand... Put on the armor to stand your ground... After you've done everything, stand. Then stand firm." Ephesians 6:11, 13-14

Jesus' strength and power are ours. His victory is ours over every spiritual adversary.

The way you got in is the way you go on – by grace through faith.



Armor UP

“Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Romans 13:14

Areas at risk - **Five Defensive Weapons**

Your gut	Belt
Your heart	Breastplate
Your footing	Shoes
Your body	Shield
Your mind	Helmet

The Belt

It holds everything in place so the warrior doesn't get tangled up.

The enemy is a liar.

Keep validating what you believe true in Christ

The Breastplate

It protects vital organs, heart.

God will never abandon us.

Keep covering your heart in Christ's atoning work



“We’re learning how to do the right thing in the right way at the right time for the right reason.”

The Shoes

They keep us steady and give traction for action.
Keep holding your ground in Christ’s gospel peace

The Shield

It protects the soldier’s body from flaming arrows.
The devil loves to stir up doubt, panic, fears.
Keep fighting the fires through Christ’s persuasion of faith

The Helmet

It protects the key target – your mind – from concussions of discouragement, despair
Keep guarding your thoughts with His saving hope.

“What gets your mind gets you.”

Three Offensive Weapons - Forward in Word and Prayer

The Sword



It slices through every trick, seduction and fog of the deceiver.

Keep sharp in God's Word like Christ

The Secret Weapon – Prayer

“Pray in the Spirit on every occasion with every type of prayer.” Ephesians 6:18

Jesus modeled prayer as the best weapon He had.

Prayer is how we get what God wants into this world.

The Gospel Story

It's told so more people can get free forever in Christ.

Keep sharing the word of your testimony.

God's got something for us better than easy.

He's got victory for us as we armor up to stand in Jesus.

What's your next step?

