The Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-20

Even though verse 10 is not a part of the Armor of God it is the verse that tells us we do not enter any battle on our own but with the power and strength of God. God will fight our battles, all of them if we allow God to do so.

A Verse-by-Verse Breakdown of Ephesians 6:11-20

As we move through these verses we must understand that the Armor of God is not only for our spiritual development. It is for life application as well.

The Armor of God – What Does it represent?

The Armor of God represents a symbolic picture of God's protection. It is a pictorial display of how and what God uses to protect each Christian. Each piece of armor serves a particular purpose as well as reflects certain aspects of the Christian faith.

The Belt of Truth

The belt of truth represents the truth of God. The truth that God brings to every situation not just the spiritual. The truth about who we are as human beings. The truth regarding all that God has blessed us with. This is the foundation upon which everything else stands. Without the truth of God, nothing else matters.

The Breastplate of Righteousness

The breastplate guarded the heart of the soldier. It protected the soldier from blows to the heart that would take their life. This breastplate represents the moral righteousness that is borne out of a heartfelt faith in God. It is a faith that trusts God will keep them in the most difficult encounters in life.

The Readiness of the Gospel of Peace

This represents the shoes we wear that carry us to places where the truth of Jesus' Gospel is needed. In the streets, the courtrooms, the hospital, and homes. Wherever the Gospel of Jesus can be raised. It is the truth that Jesus will keep you no matter what that brings the peace that the Christian needs. It is more than a Gospel of salvation; it is a Gospel of liberation, emancipation, of deliverance. We are called to put on the shoes of the Gospel of Peace.

The Shield of Faith

This is the tool the warrior uses to block the arrows and the blows that are directed at them. It did not matter how large the enemy the proper use of the shield would do its job. The shield gave the warrior peace of mind, and our faith should be the shield that gives us peace of mind. It gives us the courage to face any challenge with the confidence that God has equipped us with what we need to conquer any foe.

The Helmet of Salvation

This helmet is the confidence we have in Christ that He will protect us no matter what the cause or situation. The helmet protects our thoughts and minds from the negativity that seeks to invade our minds and hearts and forces us to shrink and retreat in doubt. By wearing the helmet of Salvation, we are reminded of who we belong to and that we are forever safe in His arms.

The Sword of the Spirit

This is the most offensive weapon in our arsenal. It is God's word. It can be used to counter any attack by any enemy with the power and truth that comes from God's word. It is important that the Word of God is planted in you and is embraced by you. When you wield this sword, you overcome the lies, temptation, and strongholds of the enemy.

The Power of Prayer in Ephesians 6:18-20

Paul emphasizes that we pray continually in every kind of situation and circumstance. Remember, prayer strengthens our relationship with Jesus as well as strengthens our commitment to God's will.

Utilize the Armor in Your Life

The belt of truth calls us to live with integrity and authenticity. The breastplate of righteousness urges us to pursue a life of moral uprightness. The readiness of the gospel of peace challenges us to actively share the hope found in Christ. The shield of faith encourages us to trust in God's promises. The helmet of salvation reminds us of our secure identity in Christ. The sword of the Spirit empowers us to combat falsehood with the truth of God's Word. As we engage the enemy in our ministry. Let us move forward in the Armor of God.

Blessings,
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