

# Paul's Epistles – Ephesians 6:10-18 (The Armor of God)

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I. Ephesians 6:10-18 – The Armor of God

II. Ephesians 6:10-13 -- We are in battle.

A. “Be strong!” John 10:10 –

B. “Stand against devil’s schemes.”

1. Matthew 13:25 – Parable of wheat and weeds:

2. Mark 4:15 – Parable of Sower:

3. John 8:44 – Satan is a liar and the father of lies.

4. John 10:10 – “rob, kill, and destroy.”

5. 2 Corinthians 11:14&15 – Satan and his angels “Masquerade.”

6. Revelation 12:10 – The Accuser of the brothers and sisters.

C. “Struggle NOT against flesh and blood.”

1. “Rulers, authorities, powers of dark world, spiritual forces of evil in heavenly realms.”

2. “Therefore, put on armor for day of evil, and stand.”

III. Ephesians 6:14-17 – Paul’s list based on armor of Roman legionnaire

A. Belt of truth



B. Breastplate of righteousness/right relationship



C. Feet shod with truth of Gospel



E. Helmet of salvation.



D. Shield of faith. Faith =



F. Sword of Spirit, which is the Word of God.



G. Ephesians 6:18 – Pray!

1. Prayer is most powerful weapon, not limited by time, distance, or knowledge.
2. Not “last resort,” FIRST!

**Preparation for next week: Read Luke 13-24**