

**“Put On God’s Armor”**  
Ephesians — Part 20  
*Ephesians 6:14-20*

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.

Ephesians 6:10-11

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

**1. Truth, righteousness and preparation of the gospel**

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Ephesians 6:14-15

**• The belt (girdle) of truth**

...Be fruitful and increase in number...      Genesis 1:28

The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death.

Proverbs 13:14

The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Proverbs 18:21

...Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31-32

Jesus answered—"for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth..."

John 18:37

...They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

2 Thessalonians 2:10

**• The breastplate of righteousness**

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

...that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

Philippians 3:8-9

**Note:** The life we live either fortifies us against Satan’s attacks or makes it easier for him to defeat us.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Matthew 5:6

- **Gospel-ready shoes**

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"  
Isaiah 52:7

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have...

1 Peter 3:15

## 2. The **protection of faith**

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.  
Ephesians 6:16

- **Faith as a shield**

When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?

Psalm 56:3-4

...This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

1 John 5:4

## 3. Protection for your mind, and a defense against the lie of the enemy

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.  
Ephesians 6:17

- **The protection of a growing salvation**

*"If there is not a significant difference between the way we think and those who do not know Christ, then we have somehow aborted the crucial process of having our minds renewed."*

Rick Joyner—Pastor

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Philippians 4:8

**Application:** Where do our minds dwell most of the time? What kind of seeds are you allowing to be sown onto your mind? What are you watching? What are you reading?

- **The Word of God as protection**

Jesus answered, "It is written..."

Matthew 4:4

- **The Word of God as a weapon**

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

***The Word of God has the power of God behind it!***

#### **4. Watchmen on the wall**

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. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Ephesians 6:18-20

Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.

Isaiah 52:8