

We Are God's Family
The Full Armor of God- Part 1
Ephesians 6:10-18

Last Week: Real Spiritual Assaults on Our Life

- *The Devil has been a murderer who deceives people since the beginning of time. John 8:44*
- *Our greatest challenge in life is utilizing everything God has given us to stand firm against the devil's schemes. Eph. 6:11*
- *We should never assume we are simply struggling against the things people do. Eph. 6:12a*
- *Our real fight in life is against an army of Satan led spirits committed to deceiving people so that they will do his work.*

Today: The Armor of God- Pt. 1

Three Offensive Pieces: Loins girded with "Truth", Breastplate of "Righteousness", Boots to Go with "the Gospel of Peace"

Three Defensive Pieces: Shield of Faith, Helmet of Salvation, Sword of the Spirit

Prayer

A Warriors Armor in the Army of Christ- Eph. 6:13-15

1. "Loins" covered with "truth." Eph. 6:13-14

"Loins" - the seat of strength and vigor, the center of procreative power, the portion of the body which is girded about, and is considered as specially needful of covering, and where painful disease most effectually unfits a man for work and warfare.

John 18:37-38 *Jesus came into the world to "teach truth"*

John 8:31-32 *The "truth" will set you free.*

Jesus' stress upon the human need for "truth" assumes every human being is living life with some degree of deceived understanding of what is true and most important.

A Soldier of Jesus must be so grounded in the truths Jesus taught that He will be able to fight with no reservation about what is of most value to Jesus. **John 8:12, 31**

2. Wearing a "breastplate of righteousness. Eph. 6:14

"Righteousness" – is the prioritization of doing what is in the best interest of others because Jesus loves them. Righteousness flows from a life informed by "truth." Eph. 4:24

Isaiah 11:5 *Jesus "righteousness will be the belt about His loins"*

Romans 3:26 *God's righteousness is displayed in saving us.*

A Soldier of Jesus must protect a heart for helping people come to Jesus for forgiveness and learning truth so that they will be set free.

3. Feet equipped to "Go" to others with "the gospel."

"gospel" means "good news"

Matthew 28:19 *"Go, make disciples"*

A Soldier of Jesus must be prepared to go to others.

We are Fighting for the "Souls" of People

- **Truth, righteousness and telling people about Jesus define our purpose in life as Christians.**
- **Jesus exemplified how to live out these priorities and asked us to do the same. John 13:34-35; Mat. 28:19**
- **Our challenge in life is considering the times we live in and finding creative ways to fight a good fight for Jesus.**