

We Are God's Family
The Full Armor of God- Part 2
Ephesians 6:10-18

Last Two Weeks: We are in a Spiritual Battle for Life

Our real fight in life is against an army of spirit beings who deceive us to do things dishonoring to God and people.

Luke 23:34 “*Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.*”

The Devil has is a murderer who deceives people through lies and deceptive thoughts. **John 8:44**

We are wise not to blame people for everything they do, but to recognize that there is an evil influence in the lives of everyone.
Eph. 6:12

The Armor of God: Equipped to Fight with Jesus

1. Our Core: Truth

“Truth” about what life really involves, the human battle with lies and deception of evil influences, the things that matter more than desires associated with our body, what Jesus has taught and done to help us, and how we can join with Jesus to truly help others.

“If you continue in My word, then you are truly My disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” **John 8:31-32**

2. Our Heart: Righteousness

Having a disposition informed by the righteousness of Jesus who sought to help everyone, pray for them and save them from the consequences of sin no matter what they have done.

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, ... This was to demonstrate His righteousness”
Rom. 3:23-25

3. Our Feet: The Gospel of Peace-

The Gospel is the remedy for every problem in this life because it involves forgiveness of sins and the indwelling of God's Spirit to guide people and restore relationship with God as a Father.

“In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of the promise” **Ephesians 1:13**

4. Our Shield: Faith

Faith provides confidence in truth and God's involvement in life even when we do not see Him working.

Hebrews 11:1 “*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*”

Eph. 6:16- *“taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one”*

The Evil One Always Assaults Truth

- **Doubt about the seriousness of the human condition without the work of Jesus to save people.**
- **Doubt about who we are as children of God “in Christ” who can make a real difference in the lives of others.**
- **Doubt about the fact that there is a real fight to be fought.**

Putting on the armor of God to fight for the lives of people requires faith in the teaching of Jesus that we are in a real battle in life against Satan for the souls of people!