



“The Christian’s Armor”

The Church’s Conduct

Ephesians 6:13-17

The armor of God is a :

I. Plan (maxim) - “take unto you the whole armour” (v. 13)

A strategy for us to be:

A. Powerful – “that you may be able to withstand”

B. Poised – “in the evil day”

C. Prepared – “having done all, to stand”

II. Practice (maximum) – “Stand therefore, having” (vs. 14-15)

A sincerity in what we :

A. Pursue- “loins girt about with truth”

B. Perform - “the breastplate of righteousness ”

C. Proclaim - “shod with ...the gospel of peace ”

III. Protection (minimum) - “Above all ” (v. 16-17)

A safety found in the :

A. Provided – “shield of faith”

B. Proffered – “helmet of salvation”

C. Profound – “sword of the Spirit ”

originating in or penetrating to the depths of one's being; profound grief. being or going far beneath what is superficial, external, or obvious

Sentence Sermon:

“The Christian’s armor enables him to stand against the enemy’s attacks and experience victory in the evil day.”

Additional Verses

- *Isaiah 52:7*
- *Ephesians 4:24, 27*
- *Romans 8:3; 10:15*
- *John 8:44*
- *II Corinthians 5:21; 6:1-10; 11:1-3*
- *Romans 10:15; 13:11-14*
- *I Peter 1:13*
- *II Peter 3:18*
- *Hebrews 4:12*
- *Acts 2:37; 5:33*
- *II Samuel 11*
- *Deuteronomy 29:5*
- *Revelation 19:13, 15*
- *Psalms 33:20; 59:11; 68:1-10; 84:9, 11*

Questions to Ponder:

- 1. What is the “wherefore” in verse 13 referring to?
- 2. What phrase is common to verse 11 and 13? Why is it repeated?
- 3. When is the evil day?
- 4. Why is truth described as something that girds?
- 5. Why is victory described as standing?
- 6. Which piece of armor is most important? Why?

Ephesians is written to the Church

V. 13

- Wherefore = because we are in a spiritual battle not a physical one. Lehman Strauss says “Only God’s weapons can batter down the bulwarks of hell.”
- Take unto you = you must suit up
- The whole armour = all the armour because the enemy will try every avenue
- Armour of God = the quality can be trusted ...it has been tested: EXAMPLES:
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 - That ye may be able = because without it you will not be able
 - To withstand = not to cave, fall, or flee
 - In the evil day =
 - Having done all, to stand = because you have prepared....forget to prepare = cave and defeat....prepare and you are in a position to stand.

V. 14

- Stand therefore = this is how you do it
- Having = showing up equipped when the battle begins with:
 - Loins girt with truth = girdle is used to strengthen and support the body and help hold in place other pieces of apparel. **A rejection of deceit. Understanding that** our progress will be impeded when our vital parts are not protected or exposed to the enemy.
 - Breastplate of righteousness = from neck to waist...protection primarily of the heart. It is a call for not only positional righteousness but practical righteousness...not only our standing but our state.
 - **Sinning** saints cannot stand in the day of adversity (Strauss)
 - **Right living is wound-proof; therefore “we should** live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world. Titus 2:12 (Strauss)

Charles Erdman – “One who binds himself about with a determined loyalty to the holy will and law of God is secure against the deadly thrusts of the tempter. A man who is conscious of being in the wrong is usually a coward; a man who knows that he is right can withstand a multitude and enters the conflict without fear.”

V. 15

- Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace = Footwear needs to protect but needs to be functional...the warrior of the Lord must be sure and swift in his delivery of the gospel.

The gospel has not lost any of its old time power just as the Israelites were told that their shoes would not wear out in Deut. 29:5

V. 16

- Above all = “epi pas” = before everything else...importance
 - The shield of faith = God is said to be our faith – Gen. 15:1; Deut. 33:27; Psa. 33:20; 59:11; 84:9, 11
 - > So the shield of faith is taking hold or having complete confidence and reliance on the person and power and purpose of God. *** This also includes Him using those around us to

help us. ...The shield was made to interlock with other warriors shields to form a barrier or wall against the enemy’s attack.

***** The shield is about faith in God, Other believers AND the Word !! ---- The shields were made primarily of Leather which they would soak in water before the battle to quench the flaming arrows of the enemy...The Bible in scripture is often referred to as the water of the word...the Christian’s armour includes a shield of faith that should be immersed in the Truth of God’s Word.

- Wherewith ye shall be able = this is how it is done not maybe but IT IS HOW.
- To quench ALL
 - The fiery darts of the wicked = What are his darts??:
 - Pride, envy, jealousy, covetousness, worry, unbelief, impurity, ...

➤ V. 17

- Helmet of salvation = “take” the helmet = different Greek word perhaps indicating to receive a gift from another. Our salvation comes from God changing our thinking about the truth of His Word especially in the areas of doctrine, doubt, and fear. We are truly:
 - Saved – Ephesians 2:8
 - Being saved – II Cor. 1:10
 - Going to be saved – Rom. 5:10
- The sword of the Spirit = not the Spirit but that which the Spirit delivered...the Bible
 - Which is the Word of God