

The Person God Expects
Lesson 7: The Armor of God

INTRODUCTION:

The truth in Christ Jesus is that Christians must put off the old man and put on the new man (Eph 4:20-24). Equally true is that all Christians are in a struggle and must put on the armor of God (Eph 6:10-17). If a Christian attempts to fight with his own armor or strength--he is sure to be defeated.

THE KEYS TO VICTORY: (Ephesians 6:10-14a)

1. Be strong _____ and in the _____ of His might (10)
 - a. His power _____ us (1:19-21)
 - b. His power _____ us (3:16-21)
2. Put on the _____ armor of God (11)
 - a. Which could part could you leave at home and feel safe?
3. Know your _____ (11-12)
 - a.
 - b.
4. _____ (13-14a)
 - a. In victory (cf Ex 14:13; 2 Chron 20:17)

THE ARMOR OF GOD: (Ephesians 6:14-17)

a= Its physical purpose

b = Its spiritual purpose

1. Belt of _____ (14)
 - a.
 - b. cf 1 Peter 1:13
2. Breastplate of _____ (14)
 - a.
3. Shod feet with the preparation of the gospel of _____ (15)
 - a.
 - b. cf Exodus 12:11
4. Shield of _____ (16)
 - a. d
 - b. cf 1 John 5:4
5. Helmet of _____ (17)
 - a.
6. Sword of the Spirit which is the _____ (17)
 - a.
 - b. cf. Hebrews 4:12, Hosea 6:5, Revelation 19:15, Matthew 4:4,7,10)

CHRISTIANS ALREADY HAVE WHAT THEY NEED....PUT IT ON

1. Truth
 - a. Heard and learned the truth (1:13; 4:20-24)
 - b. They are to speak the truth (4:15,25)
2. Righteousness
 - a. The new man is created in true righteousness and holiness (4:24)
3. Gospel of Peace
 - a. They are at peace with God through Christ (2:3,14-18)
 - b. They strive to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (4:3)
4. Faith
 - a. They believed the word of truth (1:13)
 - b. They're saved by grace through faith (2:8)
 - c. They grow until we all come to the unity of the faith (4:13)
5. Salvation
 - a. They've heard the gospel of your salvation (1:13)
 - b. They're saved by grace through faith (2:9)
6. Word of God
 - a. They've heard the word of truth (1:13 cf John 17:17)