



# THE ARMOR OF GOD

## ARMED AND READY

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### Part #1 – Prepare Today for the Battle of Tomorrow

Ephesians 6:10-12

#### Series Summary

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Have you ever felt like you were struggling spiritually? Have you ever felt like you were being attacked from a spiritual perspective? This series discusses the importance of recognizing the spiritual attack that you face as a Christian and teaches you how to overcome these attacks by putting on the strength of the Lord through the Armor of God. Here is what we will examine in this series...

- We will identify the different parts of the Armor of God for you...
- We will teach you why the Armor of God is important for your life...
- We will equip you with the tools you need to utilize the Armor of God in a daily basis...

## Series Theme Passage

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**Ephesians 6:13** (HCSB) – This is why you must take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand.

## Main Passage

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**Ephesians 6:10-12** (ESV) – <sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

### **Big Idea – Prepare Today for Victory Tomorrow**

## Three Steps to F.A.N. the Flame of Courage

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### **Step #1 – Find Your Strength in the Lord**

**Ephesians 6:10** – Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

- **Key Point** – The first step that we examine is discovered in verse 10. It is within this verse that Christians are reminded that victory over trials, temptations, and the enemy can only be discovered as you put on the strength of the Lord.

### **Step #2 – Arm Yourself Today to Stand Tomorrow**

**Ephesians 6:11** – Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

- **Key Point** – The second step that we examine is discovered in verse 11 as we observe the importance of arming yourself with the “whole Armor of God” today in order to stand against the enemy tomorrow.

### **Step #3 – Never Underestimate the Enemy**

**Ephesians 6:12** – For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

- **Key Point** – The final step that we examine is discovered in verse 12 as we examine the importance of recognizing the nature of the battle we face as Christians. The reality is that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood but

against the spiritual forces of darkness therefore we need the divine armor to defeat the enemy.

## Memory Verse

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**Ephesians 6:13** (HCSB) – This is why you must take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand.

## Challenge

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Remind yourself that your responsibility, before the Lord, is to apply the truths you have discovered in the Word of God. As you reflect on this message, help others discover more about Jesus this week by...

- Inviting others to a Sunday Morning Service
- Handing out one of the information booklets from the front foyer
- Asking others how you could pray for them