



THE ARMOR OF GOD

ARMED AND READY

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Part #2 – Armed and Ready

Ephesians 6:13-15

Series Summary

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

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

Ephesians 6:13-15 (ESV) – ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

Big Idea – Victory in the Battle is Won Through God's Power With God's Armor

Essential Elements of Armor of God

Element #1 – Action – Urgently Arm Yourself with the Armor of God

Ephesians 6:13 (ESV) – ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

- **Key Point** – The first element that we examine is discovered in verse 13 as we observe the importance of being a Christian of action. A Christian of action is one that puts on the Armor of God in order to stand firm against the enemy.



Element #2 – Belt of Truth – Commit Your Life to Pursuing God and His Word

Ephesians 6:14a (ESV) – ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth...

- **Key Point** – The second element that we examine is discovered in verse 14 as we observe the importance of putting on the Belt of Truth. The Belt of Truth is God's Truth and discovered in the Word of God. It helps you discern the difference between right and wrong or good versus evil.



Element #3 – Breastplate of Righteousness – Obey the Lord and His Word

Ephesians 6:14b (ESV) – ^{14b} and having put on the breastplate of righteousness...

- **Key Point** – The third element that we examine is discovered in verse 14 as we observe the importance of putting on the Breastplate of Righteousness. The Breastplate can only be put on through obedience to God’s Word and the desire to live out a holy life. Simply stated it is to live in daily, moment-by-moment obedience to our heavenly Father.



Element #4 – Feet Prepared with the Gospel – Be Firmly Rooted in the Word

Ephesians 6:15 (ESV) – ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.



- **Key Point** – The final element that we examine is discovered in verse 15 as you discover the importance of building your life upon the solid foundation of the Word of God, specifically the Gospel. J Vernon McGee summed this principle up well when he declared,
- **J Vernon McGee** - Shoes are necessary for standing. They speak of the foundation. We need a good, solid foundation, and preparation is foundational. I remember in hand-to-hand combat we were taught to make sure our feet were anchored. Are your feet anchored on the Rock? Christ is your foundation in this world. No other foundation can any man lay but the one that is laid, Jesus Christ (1Cor. 3:11). We are to put on Christ. Oh, how we need Him today as we face a gainsaying world and also spiritual wickedness in the darkness of this world! (Ephesians 6:14-15 Mp3)

Memory Verse

Ephesians 6:14 (ESV) – Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness...

Challenge

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