

WEAR YOUR ARMOR

(Ephesians 6:10-18)

INTRODUCTION

"Be strong" - hearty; tough; able to withstand the stress without structural damage; not easily defeated; sturdy; able to resist. (1 Cor. 15:57-58)

"In the Lord" - Christians, having been baptized into Christ, have added strength. (2 Cor. 12:10) "... for when I am weak, then am I strong."

"In the strength of his might" - (John 16:33) "These things have I spoken to you, that in me you might have peace. In the world you will have tribulations: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

"Put on the whole armor of God" - our obligation is to wear the armor, put it on, and trust that God's armor will give us the victory in the fight.

1. GOD'S ARMOR WILL "ABLE" US

1) (v11) "that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil"

"Stand against" - maintain a specified position; remain; not to be moved.

"The wiles of the devil" - crafty; cunning; subtle; deceitful; deceptive; tricky.

2) (v13) "that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day"

Leave nothing undone that contributes to the success of the battle.
Paul adds, "... and having done all, to stand."

"In the evil day" - days when temptations confront us; when persecutions press; when the pleasures of sin are advertised; days when sin may easily beset us.

3) (v16) "ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked"

Whatever "flaming missile" the world shoots at us, we are able to extinguish it.

The devil, the world, will always bombard us and try to quench our Spirit, but we are able to extinguish the "fiery darts."

2. THE ENEMY IS IDENTIFIED

1) (v11) "the devil"

2) (v12) "the darkness of this world ... spiritual wickedness"

CLOSE - this lesson summed up in words of Hymn #619 "A New Creature"
Sermon to be continued next Lord's day, Lord willing.