

"THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD"

(Ephesians 6:10-20)

INTRODUCTION

Yes, it's a spiritual warfare: (Eph. 6:12) "we wrestle" (1 Cor. 9:26) "so fight I"
(1 Tim. 6:12) "Fight the good fight of faith" (2 Tim. 2:3) "as a good soldier"
(v4) "engaged in warfare" (2 Tim. 4:6-7) "I have fought the good fight"

Let's be well-dressed for the fight: (v11) **"put on the whole armor of God"**

1. (v14) "HAVING YOUR LOINS GIRT ABOUT WITH TRUTH"

The soldier's wrap, kilt, covered him all around from waist to knees.

"Truth" is to be wrapped around us: (John 17:17) "thy word is truth"

2. (v14) "HAVING ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS"

The soldier's vest made of metal mesh and bronze plates covering his torso.

(Psalm 119:172) "for all thy commandments are righteousness."

(Prov. 4:23) "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life"

3. (v15) "HAVING YOUR FEET SHOD WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL"

The soldier's shoes enabled him to balance, stand firm, and move about in battle.

Put God's word, the gospel, on your feet as you go about in daily living.

(Rms. 10:15) "how beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace"

4. (v16) "AND TAKING THE SHIELD OF FAITH"

The soldier's shield, held on the arm, could protect the entire body.

Our faith is a shield of defense from "all the fiery darts of the wicked one."

(Rms. 10:17) "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"

5. (v17) "AND TAKE THE HELMET OF SALVATION"

The soldier's helmet was a covering for the head and cheeks.

(1 Thess. 5:8) "But let us who are of the day be sober, **putting on** the breastplate of faith and love, and as a **helmet the hope of salvation.**"

(2 Tim. 3:15) "from a child you have known the holy scriptures, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus"

6. (v17) "AND THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT"

The soldier's sword was used for both offense and defense.

"Which is the word of God" - (2 Timothy 3:16-17) "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction ... "

7. (v18) "PRAYING ALWAYS"

There are 4 "alls" in the verse: "praying **always** with **all** prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with **all** perseverance and supplication for **all** the saints."

"Being watchful" - is a sense that we ought to pray with eyes wide open; be alert.

(Col. 4:2) "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving."