The Whole Armour of God

Six Pieces For a Successful Life

Ephesians 6:10-17
After five chapters…

After writing about our roles as Christians.

Paul has come to a conclusion.

Paul has a powerful final exhortation.

Resisting the temptations of the devil.
Verse 10a

Finally, my brethren,

Like a salutation in a letter...

Chosen brethren from chapter one.

A final exhortation about our spiritual walk.
Introduction (3)

**Verse 10b**

*be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.*

- We can do these things by the power of HIS might!!!
- For Thine is the power!!!
- We have been given the tools to win.
- Christ has already defeated the Devil.
- Christ has already overcome the World.
- We can do all things through Christ.
- We are more than conquerors.
- We must approach with HIS might.
Verse 12

*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

- We are at war!
- Before we can go any further we must understand the importance of the passage.
  - I Peter 5:8
  - A call to arms!
  - Is there not a cause!
Six and Six

- **Six** words to explain the situation.
  - Let’s get the sense

- **Six** components to overcome it.
  - Let’s understand the metaphor
Verse 10

*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*

- Action, Command, Do something, etc.
- We are not called to look or talk strong.
Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.
Verse 11

*Put* on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

- You cannot do it yourself; you are not strong enough.
- We are to do something.
- We must *put* on the tools necessary to be successful.
Verse 11

*Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

- Mentioned three times; *withstand* once.
- *We better not be found asleep.*
- *We better not take a rest.*
- *We better not give up.*
Verse 12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

• We must understand the effort necessary.
• Continuous, extreme exertion.
Verse 11

*Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil*

- The Devil is crafty.
- He is smarter than you.
- He is allowed to lie.
- He will use your heart.
- He will listen to you.
Verse 13

*Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

- The armour works together.
- *It is a whole* suit of armour.
- *We cannot leave cracks.*
Now The Six Components

- We have been given the tools necessary
  - Do we know what they are?
  - Are we putting them on?
  - Are we using them correctly?
Piece #1

What is this piece of armour called?
Piece #1 (2)

TRUTH
What is truth?

- The opposite of a lie.
- Hating every false way.
- Yea, hath God said? YES!
- Our foundation.
- Do you have a foundation?
- I am the way, the truth and the life.
What is truth?

It is despising what the devil did to our parents.

It is not being a hypocrite.

Once you compromise on truth you have lost.
What is this piece of armour?
Piece #2 (2)

RIGHTeousness
What is Righteousness?

- Deut 6:25
  
  And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

- Ps 15:2
  
  He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.
What is Righteousness?

- **Ps 18:20** The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

- **Ps 18:24** Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.
What is righteousness?

- Isa 59:17 For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon His head; and He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.
Piece #3

What about this one?
Piece #3 (2)

Peace
Piece #3 (3)
What is Peace?

- Get rid of any bitterness.
- Let not the sun go down upon your wrath.
- Be a peacemaker.
- Peace is a choice.
- Contentment.
- Learn to get along with each other.
- The Messiah is the Prince of Peace.
Piece #4

And this one?
Piece #4 (2)

Faith
What is Faith?

- The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- It believes that God rewards those that diligently seek Him.
- It believes the promises of God.
- It believes the LORD will give strength in time of temptation.
- The Martyrs had great faith to endure.
Piece #5

Can you guess this one?
Piece #5 (2)

Helmet of Salvation
What is salvation?

1 Th 5:8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

There is no condemnation.

There is confidence of your final destination.

I Cor. 15:19

The devil hates our confidence.
Do you recognize our weapon?
Piece #6 (2)
The Word of God
Piece #6 (3)

What is the Word of God?

- Is it the NIV? But there are words missing!
- Is it Benny Hinn? But his prophecies don’t come true!
- We have a more sure word of prophecy!
- This is our only offensive weapon!
- When Jesus was tempted He fought back with every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.
Conclusion

- Let us not get bogged down in the intricacies of the actual armour.
- The underlying theme is the promises of God.
- Six part sifter for every decision you make.
- The LORD Jesus was the perfect example of all six components.
- Let us stand in this evil generation as victors for our KING.
Conclusion (2)

- Helmet
- Breastplate
- Girdle
- Shield
- Sword
- Footwear
Conclusion (3)

- Hope of Salvation
- Righteousness
- Truth
- Faith
- Word of God
- Peace