

The Armor Of God

(Part 1)

"Be Strong In The Lord ..."
Ephesians 6:10-20

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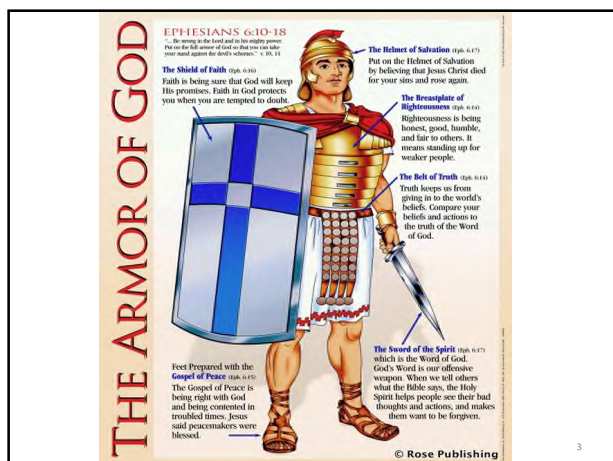
Verse 10 "Finally ..." Paul begins to draw his epistle to a close, he has described:

Chapter 1 The Christian's possessions in Christ ("every spiritual blessing")

Chapter 2-3 The Christian's position in Christ ("fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God," stoned in the "holy temple").

Chapters 4-6 The Christian's purpose in Christ ("to have a walk worthy of the calling").

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Ephesians 6:10-20 – To effectively carry out our "purpose," Paul's final concern is that the Christian be **"strong"**

Essentials:

1. Knowledge of the enemy.
2. Relying on the right ally.
3. Utilizing the right equipment.

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Verses 10-11a – The Source Of This Strength.

From The Lord, Not Ourselves ...

"be strong IN THE LORD"

"in the power OF HIS MIGHT"

- Already addressed. Ephesians 1:19; 3:16,20; cf. Philippians 2:12-13; 4:13
- It is **"armor"** that GOD supplies.
- It is **"armor"** that we must **"put on,"** i.e. it is not something we have in of ourselves.
- Yet, the armor does not make the soldier!

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Verses 11b- 13 – The Need For This Strength (1 Peter 5:8)

To "stand against the wiles of the devil..."

- "Wiles" (literally cunning arts, deceit, craft, trickery. Ephesians 4:14), but Christians need not be ignorant of his "devices." cf. 2 Corinthians 2:11
- False doctrine. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4; 1 Timothy 4:1-3
 - Satan has ministers. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
- Illicit desires of the flesh and mind. Ephesians 2:1-3; 4:17ff
- Persecution upon those who try to do right. 1 Peter 5:8-9; 2 Thessalonians 3:3
- Persecutions from those dear to us. Matthew 10:34
- Battleground is in the mind. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

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**Verses 11b- 13 – The Need For This Strength
(1 Peter 5:8)**
NOTE: The Devil Has Help!
To wrestle against:
“Principalities and powers”
 – Those who have rule and authority in the spiritual realm. Ephesians 1:3,20; 2:6; 3:10; 6:12
“World rulers of this darkness” cf. Ephesians 2:2; 2 Corinthians 4:4
“Spiritual hosts of wickedness”
“In the heavenly places.” cf. Ephesians 1:3; 2:6

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(1 Peter 5:8) NOTE: We Have Help!**

1. Through the death of Jesus, the prince of the world is cast out. John 12:31
2. Devil brought to naught. Hebrews 2:14
3. Christ able to *“succor”* them that are tempted. Hebrews 2:18
4. Christ lives to make intercession. Hebrews 4:14-16; 7:25

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**Verses 11b- 13 – The Need For This Strength
(1 Peter 5:8) NOTE: Personal Responsibility.**
 Adam and Eve. Genesis 3
 Cain. Genesis 4
 Judas. John 13:2, 27
 Ananias and Sapphira. Acts 5:3-4

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**Verses 11b- 13 – The Need For This Strength
(1 Peter 5:8) NOTE: 1 Peter 5:9**
“Wherefore, TAKE UP the WHOLE armor of God”
“To stand against the wiles of the devil” (verse 11)
“withstand in the evil day” (verse 13) ... we need, not part, but the **WHOLE** armor God provides the Christian!
 ➤ EVERY element Paul now describes is essential to be *“Strong in the Lord and in the power of His might”* (Verse 10)
 ➤ ***Having done all to stand. Stand therefore ...***

**“Stand
Therefore”**
 Ephesians
 6:14-17

Leave No
 Unguarded
 Place

(1 Peter 5:8)