

6. The Sword of the Spirit - Vs. 17

- You are a soldier, you are in a battle, and this is your weapon, we need to know our weapon!
- Follow a reading plan for the **whole** Bible, otherwise we tend to miss out on some of the more obscure books that God wants to speak to us from!

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Text: Ephesians 6:10-20

Intro:

- When Paul wrote the book of Ephesians these early Christians were under attack
 1. Through **persecution**
 2. **Doctrinally**
- The Armour is given to us at conversion but we **must put it on.**
- Our battle is NOT against **man**. Our battle IS against evil authorities of the unseen world and spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.
- If this is our enemy what does it look like to put on the **full** armour of God?

1. The belt of truth - Vs. 14

- Are you a lover of **truth**?
- Our enemy is the **father of lies**.
- Through His Word, God is constantly warning us not to be **deceived** (1 Cor. 6:9-10, 15:33, Gal. 6:7-8, 1 John 1:8)

2. The breastplate of righteousness - Vs. 14

- Putting on the breastplate of righteousness begins by taking **off** our righteousness.
- We don't have to rely on our righteousness anymore because he has given us His. (1Cor. 1:30)

3. The shoes of the Gospel of peace - Vs. 15 (John 14:27)

- **Anxiety** and **fear** can keep us from standing firm against the enemy.
- As we take our eyes off our **obstacle** and place them on the **Lord**, our fear can then begin to go and the peace of Christ can begin to fill that now empty spot.

4. The shield of faith - Vs. 16

- We need to **aide** the process of building up our shield (faith). Jude 1:20
- We get faith by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17)
- Therefore we need to put ourselves in places where God's Word is shared - friends, cell group, church etc.

5. The Helmet of salvation - Vs. 17

- The helmet of salvation is so much more than heaven and hell. As a result of your salvation you are a **new creation**!
- One of the ways we put on the helmet of salvation is to **know** who we are in Christ!
- Start by memorizing 5 or 10 verses of who are as a result of your salvation. Here are a few to get you started. - John 1:12, John 15:15, Rom. 8:14-15, 17, 1Cor. 3:16, 2Cor. 5:17, Eph. 1:1, Eph 2:10, Eph. 4:24, 1Thess. 1:4.