

# Suite Up

## Ephesians 6:10-24

### Introduction:

Just as our military have certain things that they are required to carry into battle so do the Christians. Today we are going to look at what the armor of God is. We see a description of this armor in the book of Ephesians chapter 6. Our military wont go into battle with a missing piece and neither should we. So lets get suited up and ready to go to war. Will you join me in the battle?

### Scripture:

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age,[a] against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints. 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

21 But that you also may know my affairs and how I am doing, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make all things known to you; 22 whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our affairs, and that he may comfort your hearts.

23 Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen. (Ephesians 6:10-24, NKJV)

### Key Points:

1. The Enemy. (Vv.10-12)
2. The Equipment. (Vv. 13-17)
3. The Strength. (Vv.18-20)
4. The Confidence. (Vv. 21-24).

### Outline:

1. The Enemy. (Vv.10-12)
  - a. His Names
    - i. The Devil- Accuser.
    - ii. Satan- adversary

- iii. Tempter
- iv. Murder and Liar.

These are just a few names that the enemy is known by.

b. His helpers

i. Heavens fallen ones.

(1) 9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (Rev. 12:9, NKJV)

(2) Demons

(a) 30 Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. 31 And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. 32 Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. 33 Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. (Luke 8:30-33, NKJV)

(b) Satan is limited in what he can do so he needs the aid of his angels.

2. The Equipment. (Vv. 13-17)

a. The Girdle of Truth

- i. This is integrity, the girdle holds everything else in the armor together.
- ii. Integrity- moral soundness, honesty and truthfulness.

b. The breast plate of righteousness.

- i. This piece covers a soldier's chest and back from his neck to his waist.
- ii. This piece symbolizes our righteousness in Christ as well as our righteous life in Christ.

(1) 21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Cor. 5:21, NKJV)

(2) 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. (Eph 4:24, NKJV)

c. The Shoes of the Gospel.

- i. This means that we must be prepared each day to share the gospel of peace with a lost world.
- ii. The most victorious Christian is a witnessing Christian.

d. The Shield of Faith

- i. This is not a saving faith but a living faith.
- ii. Living faith - is trusting in the promises and the power of God to defend us.
- iii. The shields of old were made to interlock with each other which means

- that you are not fighting alone.
- e. The Helmet of Salvation.
    - i. The helmet refers to the mind that is controlled by God.
    - ii. We need to grow in Grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and savior.
      - (1) 18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen. (2 peter 3:18, NKJV)
      - (2) When our mind is so filled with the things of God then the enemy is unable tp deceive us.
  - f. The sword of the spirit.
    - i. This is the word of God.
      - (1) The physical sword can Peirce the body but only the word of God can Peirce the heart
      - (2) The more you use the word of God the sharper it becomes.
3. The Strength
- a. Our strength comes from prayer
    - i. 17 pray without ceasing, (1 Thessalonians 5:17, NKJV)
  - b. We need to use all the types of prayer
    - i. Supplication
    - ii. Intercession
    - iii. Thanksgiving
      - (1) 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; (Phil 4:6, NKJV)
  - c. We need to pray in the Spirit.
    - i. 26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
      - (1) Simply put the spirit knows what needs to be communicated to the father and if we depend on him our prayers will remain in and according to the will of God.
  - d. Watch and pray
    - i. If we are watching and praying then we can see where Satan is at work in our lives and church and then defeat him.
4. The Confidence.
- a. We are not alone in the fight. There are other believers who stand with us. So we ought to take the time to encourage each other. Just as Paul sent Tychicus.

Conclusion:

Are you on the winning side of the spiritual battle? If your not today you can be. It is time to put on the armor of God and join me in battle.