

Spiritual Warfare

Our Spiritual Armor

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Message Truth:

We have learned that Satan attacks Christians with two primary weapons: temptation and accusation. Christians, however, are not left defenseless against these attacks. Our primary defense is our spiritual armor and prayer. We have learned that while we do have an enemy, it is not one another. Satan is our enemy. Our unity is critically important in our ability to engage in spiritual warfare. Jesus has prayed for our unity and has given us a new command to love one another. Last week we learned that our love for one another is the authenticating mark of the gospel. Today we will take a detailed look at the spiritual armor we have been given to wage war against our enemy.

³ For though we live in the world, **we do not wage war as the world does.** ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 2 Corinthians 10:3–4

Paul wrote this letter while under h_____, a_____,
c_____ to a Roman soldier!

¹⁶ When we got to Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with a soldier to guard him. . . . ²⁰ For this reason I have asked to see you and talk with you. It is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain."
Acts 28:16,20

Spiritual warfare is e_____ Christian's f_____!

1. Your s_____ is in the L_____, not in yourself.

¹⁰ Finally, **be strong in the Lord** and in his mighty power.
¹¹ **Put on the full armor of God** so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.
Ephesians 6:10–12

2. Your p_____ is to be r_____.

¹³ Therefore **put on the full armor of God**, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.
Ephesians 6:13

Putting on the armor is equivalent to putting on Christ. The power of Christ is sufficient to stand against all evil and temptation that a believer will encounter.

3. Your belt of t_____.

4. Your body armor is r_____.

¹⁴ **Stand firm** then, with the **belt of truth** buckled around your waist, with the **breastplate of righteousness** in place,
Ephesians 6:14

5. Your feet are to be fitted with r_____ to present the gospel.

¹⁵ and with your **feet fitted with the readiness** that comes from the gospel of peace. Ephesians 6:15

6. Your shield of f_____.

¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Ephesians 6:16

7. Your helmet is your o_____ salvation.

¹⁷ Take the **helmet of salvation**... Ephesians 6:17a

8. Your sword is the Spirit, or your B_____.

¹⁷...and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:17b

¹² For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

Personal Application:

- Which piece of spiritual armor is most important to you?
- With which piece of spiritual armor have you had the greatest success?
- Which piece of this spiritual armor is your weak link?