



PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD
Ephesians 6:10-20

Why the Devil Hates Christians:

- You are loved by God; therefore hated by the Devil
- You bear the family resemblance to God Almighty.
- You are a former slave that escaped his grip.

The Christian is a holy rebel loose in the world,

- trying to set others free,
- with direct access to the throne of God.

I. OUR INCREDIBLE WEALTH 6:10

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

II. OUR INFERNAL WAR 6:11-13

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, 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.

III. OUR INVINCIBLE WARDROBE 6:14-17

1. The Armor of the Belt of Truth 6:14

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth,

Reputation is what others think you to be; Integrity is what those closest to you KNOW you to be.

2. The Armor of the Breastplate of Righteousness 6:14

Having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

3. The Armor of the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace 6:15

¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Paradoxical as it may seem, the Christian soldier wages peace, not war. He fights Satan that he might bring peace. Satan is the cause of sin and unrest and division in the world. The Christian soldier wages peace by opposing Satan. (Wiersbe)

4. The Armor of the Shield of Faith 6:16

¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

5. The Armor of the Helmet of Salvation 6:17

¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation,

IV. OUR INDISPENSABLE WEAPON 6:17

6. The Weapon of the Sword of the Spirit. 6:17

¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

V. OUR INVISIBLE WARFARE 6:18-20

- The Real Warfare is Prayer 6:18

- The Spoils of War is Evangelism 6:19-20

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.

When David knew his time on earth was short and that Solomon was soon to reign he advised his son to “Be strong, and show yourself a man” (1 Kings 2:2).

– Most Christians have not the slightest idea as to where to go to find the battle... The real warfare is prayer. It is not a part of the armor and not even a weapon... it is THE WARFARE! – Jack Taylor

The devil is not at all threatened by the ministries of the church, for they offer no resistance to his onslaughts. He is not bothered by busy church programs if they are not accompanied by warfare in prayer.

“It may remain to us a perplexing question why James was slain and Peter delivered. There is no explanation. Nevertheless, the revelation of the facts is reassuring. That God delivered Peter proves His power to have delivered James. That He did not deliver James proves that the death of James was also within the compass of His will, and we know that in the great Unveiling all will be seen to have been right.” - G. Campbell Morgan

**Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord
And rejoice for the victory is yours
Be strong! – Linda Lee Johnson/Tom Fettke**