

Not Today, Satan

Week 3

The Armor of God

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I. The Theme of Ephesians

Ephesians reveals **power and identity**—it shows the church **who we are in Christ** and **how to live as the body of Christ**.

II. The Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10–20

Paul uses the **Roman soldier's armor** as a **metaphor** for how believers are equipped to stand firm against the enemy.

This passage calls believers to **spiritual readiness, unity, and courage**.

III. Corporate, Not Just Individual

Paul writes in the **plural**—this is for **the whole church**, not just individuals.

The church is to **stand together**, united in strength and faith.

IV. Be strong in the Lord (v.10)

“Be strong” means **to be strengthened, empowered, and enabled**.

The **passive tense** shows this is something **God does in us**, not by our own effort.

Strength is **continual**—a lifestyle of drawing from Christ.

The passive form of the verb (“be strong”) indicates that this empowering is something done to Christians, not something they do themselves; its present tense shows the empowering is continual. This is not instruction for a quick fix, but for a life spent drawing strength from Christ. To be strong in the Lord means to know his strength and to draw closer to him. It is an exhortation to act on what is known.

V. Putting On God's Armor

“Put on the full armor of God” (v. 11) recalls the command in 4:24 to “put on the new self, created to be like God in true holiness and righteousness.” Putting on the new self is in essence the same as putting on the armor of God. The “armor of God” can be understood as the armor that God provides, the armor that God Himself wears, or even the armor that is God Himself.

The armor is **not our own strength**, but **Christ Himself**.

Proverbs 18:10 — “The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.”

VI. The Schemes of the Devil

The enemy uses **cunning, deceit, and trickery**.

Evil rarely looks evil until it accomplishes its goal; it gains entrance by appearing attractive, desirable, and perfectly legitimate. It is a baited and camouflaged trap. As Paul puts it in 2 Corinthians 11:14, Satan masquerades as an angel of light.

VII. “We Wrestle Not Against Flesh and Blood” (v.12)

The real battle is **spiritual**, not against people.

Our fight is against **spiritual forces of evil**, not human enemies.

VIII. “The Day of Evil” (v.13)

Represents seasons of intense struggle, temptation, or trial.

IX. “Stand Firm” (v.13–14)

Wrestling Illustration—Just keep standing and stay in the fight

Exodus 14:13 — “Stand firm” at the Red Sea. “Moses answered the people, ‘Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.’”

a. *Jeremiah 17:5–8* — *Jeremiah 17:8*

X. The Armor Explained (from Isaiah and Paul)

1. Truth

Truth is under attack in every generation.

Truth = what is true in any matter under consideration.

“Your own truth” is like a **spider’s web**—fragile and deceptive.

2. Righteousness

Our right standing with God protects our hearts.

The enemy tries to:

1. Question your standing with God.
2. Inflate your pride in your own righteousness.

3. Gospel of Peace

Our message brings **peace between God and man**, even in a world of conflict.

We **walk in peace** while standing in spiritual battle. PEACE and WAR!

4. Faith

Faith **trusts God** and His promises.

It **quenches every fiery dart**—doubt, fear, lies, and temptation.

5. Salvation

God has saved us!

Reminds us that **our identity is secure in Christ**.

6. Sword of the Spirit

"Word of God" (rhema) refers to the **Spirit-breathed gospel message**.

"Word of God" does not refer to the Bible but to the gospel message. The Greek word used here (rhema) usually refers to a teaching or prophetic utterance or, more specifically, to the gospel. This identification does not place all the focus outward on proclaiming the gospel. The gospel empowered by the Spirit is the means by which the well-armed Christian is protected and empowered for life. The gospel, empowered by the Spirit, is both **our defense and offense**.

7. Alert and Prayerful

Paul calls believers to **stay alert and pray continually** (v.18–20).

This is the posture of the Believer

XII. Conclusion – Stand and Fight

XIII. Altar Call – Back to Arms