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The *Armor of God*



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WEEK 1

SIZING UP THE ENEMY

An invisible battle is taking place where you and I get the privilege of swaying the balance toward victory in the name of Jesus Christ.

According to Ephesians 6:12, what does it mean to put on the full armor of God?

1. The battle is unavoidable .

2. The enemy is invisible .

- Satan is not God's peer or counterpart.

- a. Only our God is omnipresent .

- b. Only our God is omniscient .

- c. Only our God can work miracles .

- d. Only our God is eternal .

- Because we have a relationship with Jesus Christ, we are seated with Him in heavenly places.

WEEK 2

THE BELT OF TRUTH

The over-arching principle present in all of Satan's attacks toward us is deception .

Satan is the master illusionist .

An illusion is something that is deceiving by producing a false or misleading impression of reality .

Satan can craftily make you think that God does not mean exactly what He says.

Satan's suggestions can never stand up against the light of God's Holy Word .

WEEK 3

THE BREASTPLATE
OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Unrighteousness is the enemy's invitation .

In Ephesians 6:14, Paul says, "Your uniform is right living."

Righteousness is upright living that aligns with the expectations of God.

We should affirm God's standard and then align our behavior with His standard.

The enemy's goal is to derail the train of your behavior off of the tracks of God's truth.

The Belt of Truth carries the weight of our pursuit of righteousness.

WEEK 4

THE SHOES OF PEACE

We have a very real, sinister enemy that is invisible but not fictional.

We cannot survive the storms in life without God's peace.

Satan knows that where there is no peace there is also no victory.

God's peace

- gives us a firm grip which we need in a world that is not firm.
- gives us stability.
- allows us to keep our footing when everything around us is swirling.
- will help to keep us sane.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:6-7).

When God's peace is locked in your life, it will become your guard and protector.

God's peace is an inner tranquility and calmness of the soul.

In Jesus Christ, we have peace with God.

Thanksgiving activates peace.

Trust fuels thanksgiving.

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Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful (Col. 3:15).

Peace is not only your guard, it is also your guide. You've got shoes so you can move forward.



WEEK 5

THE SHIELD OF FAITH

The Greek word for faith used in James 2, *pistis*, is the same word used in the Book of Ephesians.

Active faith is a shield.

Faith reveals a reliance on God.

Faith is what you say you believe in action.

Faith is when you act like God is telling you the truth.

We will never see the benefits of our faith and our relationship with God unless we are willing to marry faith with our actions.

WEEK 6

THE HELMET OF SALVATION

Your salvation is your liberation.

It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery (Gal. 5:1).

Salvation is not just about redemption. It is also a defensive, protective device.

Salvation was meant to implement an entire new way of thinking into your life.

The enemy is after your mind.

Salvation gives you comprehensive coverage—everything you need to remain safe-guarded against the attacks of the enemy.

WEEK 7

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

The Sword of the Spirit is unique because

1. It is the only piece of armor that Paul actually describes in Ephesians 6.
2. It is the only offensive weapon.

Paul is telling us that to withstand the attacks from the enemy, we shouldn't always take a defensive posture.

Because the sword Paul describes was so small, it was perfect for hand-to-hand combat.

Sometimes it feels like the enemy is right in our face.

