

Strong in His Might
Completion of Our Armor
Ephesians 6:16-20
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In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak. (ESV)

Introduction: The battle is raging and we only know about half our armor, our review: Belt-truth, Breastplate-righteousness, shoes-gospel of peace what about the rest? How do you not feel exposed when you feel attacked? What else do I need to put on so I am prepared for the constant attack?

Three more pieces of the armor & protection for our backside (verses 16-17).

- I. Shield of Faith - _____
(verse 16).
 - A. Source of our sanctifying faith - the _____
(Romans 10:17).
 - B. Reaction of our faith (Mark 11:22-24).
 - C. Importance of a _____ - the _____
refreshes our faith (John 7:38-39).

- II. Helmet of Salvation - _____
(verse 17).
 - A. Importance of being saved- _____
(Romans 12:1-2).
 - B. Salvation and our head - _____
(Philippians 2:5-11).
 - C. Our _____ are tied to salvation (2 Corinthians 10:5;
Philippians 2:12).
- III. Sword of the Spirit - _____
(verses 11 & 13).
 - A. _____ of the Word of God (2 Peter 1:20-21).
 - B. _____ of the Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
 - C. _____ of the Word of God (Isaiah 40:8; 1 Peter 1:25).
 - D. Why the sword if not to fight? (Matthew 26:52; Hebrews 4:12).

The reason for the sword of the Spirit is to _____
_____ so you can _____.

No armor on the back. . .

Why? Who has our back in the battle? (verses 18).

- IV. The _____ has our back - _____
(Isaiah 52:12).
- V. _____ are to cover _____ back
_____ (James 5:16).

Conclusion: Christ has given us everything we need to stand in the battle. Do you have Christ? Are you in the battle, ready for the battle and ready to stand?

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Small Group Questions**

*You do NOT have to answer or discuss every question. Feel free to just pick a few. These are meant to guide you in truth. If you are having trouble answering a question, ask your small group leader to help you. They are committed to helping you develop as an authentic follower of Christ.

The COMMUNITY:

1. What is your favorite battle story (i.e. book, movie, show, history, etc.) and why?

Into the WORD/APPLICATION:

Here are some suggested sites in order to dive deeper into God's Word: blueletterbible.org, desiringgod.org/articles/all, biblos.com, ccel.org, logos.com, connect.ligonier.org, thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology.

1. Read Ephesians 6:16-20 and answer the following questions:
 - a. When the Apostle Paul says 'in all circumstances' (16) what seasons of life come to your mind and why?
 - b. Why did the Apostle Paul use the illustration of a shield to communicate the importance of faith?

- c. What are the flaming darts (temptations, sins and sufferings) of the evil one in your life? How can this small group help you persevere?
- d. What does 'helmet of salvation' (17) mean? (See also, Ephesians 2:8; Philippians 1:6; and 1 Thessalonians 5:8)
- e. Why is the 'sword of the Spirit' (17) the only offensive weapon in Paul's list?
- f. How does Paul instruct the church in Ephesus to pray? Do you regularly pray in this way?
- g. Share your praying discipline with those in your small group (what does your prayer life look like?).