

THREE THOUGHTS ABOUT THE ARMOR OF GOD ...THAT HELP USE IT BETTER

THE ARMOR OF GOD IS NOT WORN ON THE OUTSIDE; IT IS ON THE INSIDE.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication...

Ephesians 6:14-18 ESV

THE ARMOR OF GOD IS WEAKENED BY INDEPENDENCE FROM GOD AND BY DEPENDENCE ON GOD.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me." *John 15:5 CSB*

"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me." *2 Corinthians 12:9 ESV*

"But he gives greater grace. Therefore he says: God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you....." *James 4:6-8 CSB*

THE ARMOR'S PURPOSE IS TO ENABLE US TO EASIER...AND NOT TO FIGHT ONE BATTLE AND RETIRE FROM THE WAR.

¹⁸ praying 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, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Ephesians 6:18-20

"But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!" But not everyone welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet said, "Lord, who has believed our message?"" *Romans 10:14-16 NLT*



EPHESIANS 6:10-20

REASONS WE NEED THE ARMOR:

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¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Ephesians 6:10-11 ESV

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"You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies." *John 8:44 ESV*

"Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you who wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you. Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living." *Romans 6:17-18 NLT*

"For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins."

Colossians 1:13-14 NLT

"Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. You used to live in an unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God."

Ephesians 2:1-2 NLT

¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places....¹⁸ praying 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, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Ephesians 6:12 & 18-19 ESV

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