

Spiritual Armor for Spiritual Battles
Ephesians 6:13-17

Main Point: We must put on God's armor to defeat Satan's efforts against us (6:13).

- We defeat Satan not by knowing everything he does to us, but by living according to what God does for us.

I. Belt of Truth – Living based on Truth (6:14a)

- A. We must know the truths of our salvation (Eph. 1:13).
- B. We must act on the truth that we can be transformed by God's power (Ephesians 4:21-23).

II. Breastplate of Righteousness – Holy (6:14b)

- A. God declared us righteous and holy in Christ (Ephesians 1:4; 5:3; Philippians 3:7-9).
- B. We can be holy as God's children (Eph. 5:3, 8-12)

III. Shoes of the gospel of peace – Spiritually stable (6:15)

- A. We have peace with God eternally (Ephesians 1:2; 2:14; Romans 5:1).
- B. We can have God's peace personally (Philippians 4:7).

IV. Shield of Faith – Dependent on God (6:16)

- A. We were saved by faith (Ephesians 2:8)
- B. We can resist Satan by faith (1 Pet. 5:8-9; 1 John 5:4).

V. Helmet of Salvation – Confident of salvation (6:17a)

- When we are confident of our security in Christ we can confidently grow as a Christian (Eph. 1:13-21).

VI. Sword of the Spirit – Obeying God's Word (6:17b)

- A. We must know God's word (Heb. 4:12; 1 John 2:14b).
- B. As we obediently submit to God, Satan is powerless (James 4:7).