

Armor of God
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Ephesians 6:10-20

Why did Paul write to the Ephesians?

Expand horizons of readers, so they...

- ✓ understand better dimensions of God's purpose
- ✓ appreciate high goals God has for church

EPHESIANS Outline

God's purpose (Ch 1)

Steps toward the fulfillment of God's purpose (Ch 2-3)

Practical ways to live and fulfill the purpose (Ch 4-6)

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- ❖ Called to Be in Christ (Ch 1)
God's purpose for the universe, world, and man
- ❖ Called to Salvation (Ch 2 & 3)
God's grace. Relationship with Him
- ❖ Called to Love One Another (Ch 4)
Unity in the church
- ❖ Called to Right Relationships (Ch 5, 6:1-9)

- ❖ Armor of God (Ch 6:10-20)

Chapter 6

6:10-20

How does the Armor of God fit into this?

Spiritual

6:12-13

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

First chapter and last chapter ties together:

... in the heavenly realms.

What is the purpose of the Armor?

Enable us to stand against evil

What is the Armor?

6:14

Belt of Truth

Breastplate of Righteousness

6:15

Feet fitted with readiness that is the Gospel of Peace

6:16

Shield of Faith

6:17

Helmet of Salvation

Sword of the Spirit which is Word of God

6:18 Pray

In the Book of Ephesians...

Is the armor of God a *new subject*?

Or, does armor of God *tie it all together*?

I learned something...

...previously I thought...

...that may be true, but it is incomplete...

Need the Armor in relationships

These relationships are created to reflect God' s love for us and Christ' s love for the church
Exactly what forces of evil do not want!

How we apply Armor of God in our lives today?

A armor is for everyday

Not only for "defense"

A armor can build your relationships

Which relationships can you pro-actively build up this week?

Conclusion

The Armor of God will protect the relationships God designed for His great purpose

Invitation: use the Armor