

Get Suited Up To stand

Ephesians 6:10-17

<p>10Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.</p>	<p>En-doo-na-ma-o increase in strength</p> <p>In the Lord- he to whom a person or thing belongs</p> <p>Christ has the power, it belongs to Him, he is in control- we often forget</p> <p>In the power of his might-ability</p> <p>In other words be strengthened in knowing that it is not your strength to begin with.</p> <p>2 Cor 12 his strength is made perfect in weakness</p> <p>We are made strong by trusting in the power of God's ability.</p> <p>His ability to keep, fortify, protect, direct, lead, guide, heal, forgive, save, deliver</p>
<p>11Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.</p>	<p>Whole armour-full kit</p> <p>"full kit," or plate carriers with plates, ACH (Army Combat Helmet), eye protection, gloves, hydration system, boots and carried three empty ammunition clips.</p> <p>Complete with all parts</p> <p>No short cuts/ what if a soldier went out to battle with only a helmet or only a camelback?</p> <p>Would he be fully prepared for battle?</p> <p>Because of his deficiencies or deltas he would leave himself open for attack and would not be able to protect himself or those around him.</p> <p>He is ill-prepared</p>

	<p>When saints of God do not have on their full kit, they leave themselves open to the attacks of Satan his metho-dy-a. Cunning arts deceit craft trickery</p> <p>When he comes to plant seeds of doubt, confusion, lust, hatred, and anger, you are unprotected and open to his attack.</p> <p>So Paul says Put on...</p> <p>Why so you will be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (Your defense is strong when you are suited up.)</p>
<p><u>12</u>For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.</p>	<p>Now Paul speaks to the enemy. He specifies who they are and who they are not.</p> <p>The enemy is not Flesh and Blood</p> <p>The enemy is highlighted</p> <p>All of these denote hierarchy and levels of demonic forces at work in the earth.</p> <p>There is a reason why the world is getting farther and farther from God</p> <p>They are calling evil good and good evil</p> <p>God set his law about what is true and society says it is not true.</p> <p>God calls sin sin, the world calls it choice</p> <p>Everybody wants to live their own truth, when the word of God speaks directly against certain actions.</p> <p>It is spiritual wickedness and the rulers of darkness infiltrating politicians, pushing ungodly agendas, and turning this world upside down.</p> <p>Paul reminds us to be vigilant and to recognize what is taking place. This is not a natural war that can be won with machine guns, tanks, and missiles.</p>

<p>13Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.</p>	<p>Without the whole armor you will not be able to stand</p> <p>NLT says then after the battle when you have given your all, you will still be standing firm</p>
<p>14Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;</p>	<p>Without the armor you cannot stand</p> <p>SUIT UP</p> <p>How do we suit up for this fight?</p> <p>The very first element before soldiers could fight they had to tie up their garment. Get rid of hindrances and distractions</p> <p>Loins girt about with truth/ The belt of truth.</p> <p>Soldiers used the girdle to fasten all excess clothing/fabric to their bodies in order to move freely during battle. It kept them from being hindered.</p> <p>This is what the word of truth, God’s word does for us.</p> <p>Jesus said in St. John17 Sanctify them by thy truth, thy word is truth</p> <p>The truth keeps you from be hindered by the things of the world. It holds you together. It grounds you and keeps you focused.</p> <p>The Word is our foundation</p> <p>When Satan comes with his lies and deceit we remind him that we live by the Word of God the truth</p> <p>St. John 8:31-32</p> <p>³¹ Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;</p>

	<p>³² And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.</p> <p>God's truth is the only thing that matters.</p> <p>Breastplate of righteousness-protects the vital organs, heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, stomach, intestines.</p> <p>Righteousness-Walking in righteousness is the only thing that will protect you. Truth always prevails. When you strive to do what is right, you have to come out victorious. Don't be fooled when the wicked person seems to prosper in his way.</p> <p>Integrity, doing what is right is an Army value.</p>
<p><u>15</u>And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;</p>	<p>Look at the oxymoron here. We are dressed for battle yet our feet are shod with peace. Isn't it the mission of the Army to help achieve peace through necessary means when other means have not worked?</p> <p>As believers our aim should always be peace.</p> <p>Heb. 12:14 Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.</p> <p>The only time we should seek to destroy is when we are destroying the kingdom of Satan.</p> <p>Are we seeking peace with each other, peace with our neighbors, peace in our homes, peace in our relationships?</p> <p>Are we peace seekers and our words sprinkled with peace. Or are we trouble makers always starting something, poking our nose in someone else's business, creating drama?</p> <p>Ask someone What's on your feet?</p> <p>Gospel-the good news of peace</p>
<p><u>16</u>Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye</p>	<p>Faith-Heb 11:1 Now faith is... It is our faith in God that shields us from the darts or attacks of the enemy. When Satan tells me what I cannot do, I deflect that with what</p>

shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

God's word says I can do. Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

The shield of faith it could be used as an offensive weapon to knock enemies over with force.

To dismantle his troops.

It is important to realize that doubt, fear and anxiety are attacks from the enemy.

Isaiah 41:10 says, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand." If we have faith in God's promises, we do not need to fear.

Allow you faith to quench out all of satan's fiery darts and lies.

Taking up the shield of faith will protect us and allow us to fight back against these attacks.

[17](#)And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

When we get saved repent, baptized, filled, then the Holy Ghost begins a transformation of the mind the center of our thinking

Rom 12:2

And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God

This helps us to avoid sinful thoughts and understand what is good and true.

Bible teaches that the mind is where lustful desires begin but if we keep our minds on spiritual things and put on the helmet of salvation and think on the things that are true, honest, just, pure, and of good report then we guard our hearts and minds.

	<p>Repenting of your sins, baptism in Jesus name, and receiving the spirit of God help you to put on the helmet of salvation and put on the mind of Christ</p> <p>Prayer and meditating on the Word of God help you to keep it on.</p> <p>The Sword of the Spirit-the Word of God</p> <p>The sword is a defensive and offensive weapon.</p> <p>As is the word of God. It can be used to tear down the kingdom of Satan as well as protect against his wiles. In a war you must use both defensive and offensive strategies. Sometimes you throw your grenade sometime you duck and cover.</p> <p>Either way whatever the situation calls for if you have your sword you are equipped.</p> <p>That's why the psalmist said Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against God</p> <p>Thy word is a lamp unto my feet...</p> <p>The words that I speak to you they are spirit and they are life</p> <p>The word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword</p> <p>Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word. Psalm 119:114</p>
<p>Conclusion</p>	<p>Suit up</p> <p>Every piece of armor is essential in the life of the believer.</p> <p>You are at war.</p> <p>Satan throws his darts every day through discouragement, sickness, bad news, relationships</p> <p>So your only way to stand against Him is to put on your whole armor of God in these evil days.</p>

