

# The Christian's Warfare

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Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints NKJV

Christian Warfare - Gk Wrestling Match - Verse 12 "For we wrestle..."

## #1 - The Christian's Adversary

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. NKJV

### 1. Wiley Adversary

Verse 11 [We] stand against the wiles of the devil.

Neh 4:11 Also our enemies said, "Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work." NIV

### 2. Spiritual Adversary

Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

### 3. Powerful Adversary

We wrestle "against powers [Gk-authorities]".

### 4. Evil Adversary

V12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against **spiritual hosts of wickedness** in the

heavenly places.

We will never win "The Christians Warfare" by exercising our own strength, but by exercising dependence upon God.

We need His strength!

So, Paul tells us . . .

V10 Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.**

11 **Put on the whole armor of God**, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

## **#2 - The Christian's Armour**

### **1. The Girdle of Truth**

Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth. . .NKJV

A. Roman Warrior's Girdle - belt that secured all the other weapons

B. Christian Warrior's Girdle - TRUTH ("Truthfulness")

1st - BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF

Rom 12:3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly. . .NKJV

2nd - Be Honest with Others - speaking truth in love - open and transparent.

If truthfulness gets loose, all the other armour falls off

### **2. Breastplate of Righteousness**

Eph 6:14 . . .having put on the breastplate of righteousness. . .NKJV

A. Roman Warrior's Breastplate - 2 metal plates - protected vital organs ie., **heart**, lungs, & liver.

B. Christian Warrior's Breastplate - RIGHTEOUSNESS - pure life - protect vital organs

- Get it from Jesus

- put on by faith in Jesus and submission to his Lordship.

### **3. Shoes of the Gospel**

Eph 6:15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace. . . NKJV

A. ROMAN WARRIOR'S SHOES

An army, in those days, travelled on its stomach and its shoes.

A wise general always looked after the footwear of his army.

Footwear PROVIDED 3 THINGS;

Protection of the feet,  
Mobility and  
Stability for firm footing.

## **B. Christian Warrior's Shoes**

Eph 6:15 For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News [about Jesus and His kingdom], so that you will be **fully prepared**. NLT

2Tim 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be **thoroughly equipped** for every good work. NIV

Prepared and equipped for living.  
Prepared and equipped with peace.  
Prepared and equipped with witness.  
. . .protection, mobility, stability

Eph 6:15 For shoes, put on the readiness to preach the Good News of peace with God. NLT Note

## **4. The Shield of Faith**

Eph 6:16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. . . .

A. Roman Warrior's Shield - small vs large shield (interlocking with others)

We Need Help in  
Putting on the Armour.  
Standing together

## **5. Helmet of Salvation**

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation. . .

A. Roman Soldier's Helmet - plate metal - protected the head.

B. Christian's Helmet - God saves us constantly - attack on our mind

## **6. Sword of the Spirit**

Verse 17 ...and [take] the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

A. Roman Soldier's Sword - Only offensive weapon mentioned - parry and kill

B. The Christian's Sword - Word of God - Parry temptation - authority over the Devil

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active Sharper than any double-edged sword. . .  
NIV

Illustration; Squire - Knight

## **#3 - the Christian's Attack**

Matt 16:18 I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. . . .NKJV

Aggressive - attack mode - in Prayer

Eph 6:18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints NKJV

“Supplication” - deesis (deh'-ay-sis); a petition:

1Tim 2:1 The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. (MSG)

Illustration: Exo 17 - Battle won by prayer

Application: Devil's Tactic-keep Us from Praying

### CONCLUSION

#1 - THE CHRISTIAN'S ADVERSARY - SATAN

#2 - THE CHRISTIAN'S ARMOUR

- The GIRDLE of TRUTHFULNESS
- The BREASTPLATE of RIGHTEOUSNESS
- The SHOES of the GOSPEL of PEACE
- The SHIELD of faith
- The HELMET of SALVATION
- The SWORD of the SPIRIT
- Word of God.

#3 - THE CHRISTIAN'S ATTACK

- Who attacked - Satan
- How attacked - Prayer