

Communion & Offering



Unseen Battle

Dressing Appropriately

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Ephesians 6:13-18

5 REMINDERS AS YOU DRESS

1. There is an invisible world that is as real as the visible world.
2. All of us are involved in a spiritual warfare against good and evil
3. Our foe is formidable, powerful, and his goal is to destroy us and deceive us and to ruin the cause of Christ.
4. We must respect our foe but not fear him, be acutely aware of his schemes and tactics activity.
5. As believers, we do not fight *for* victory; we fight *from* victory

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. - **Ephesians 6:10**

HOW DO WE DO THAT????

¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. - **Ephesians 6:14-17**

Step 1 - Having belted your waist with truth

Step 2 - By putting on the breastplate of righteousness,

Step 3 - Having strapped on your feet the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Step 4 - Take up shield of faith , with which you are able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Step 4 - Take the helmet of salvation

Step 5 - Take sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

1. The belt of truth is to combat his number one means of devil messing with your life

Proverbs 10:9 says, “He who walks in integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his way will be found out.”

“The belt of truth is having no disguise before God or man.”
= No denial

Psalms 139:23-34

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there be any wicked way in me, and then lead me in the everlasting way”

2. Having the breastplate of righteousness

James 4:17 says, “He who knows what’s right to do and doesn’t do it, to him it is sin.”

3. Having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace

1 John 5:12 says “Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. When in fear put on those shoes of peace to stand.”

4. ADD taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

5. Receive the helmet of salvation.

In John 8 .-“If you will abide in my Word...” And the word *abide* is “take it in and put it into practice.” “If you abide in my Word, then you will know the truth and the truth will set you...” FREE

6. And take the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God”

2 words for Word here :

Logos - Word of God

Rhema - spoken word

Most you can do this!!!

Vs 18 “Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests”

Final word to you is this.

Paul tells us to put on the whole armor of God. *It is God's armor, not ours.* He does not say, "Put on your own armor" because that's a good way to get clobbered. *Everything we need, we already have in Jesus Christ.*

▶ PUT ON THE FULL ▶ ARMOR OF GOD



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TRUTH**



**BREAST PLATE
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**SHOES
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**SHIELD
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FAITH**



**HELMET
OF
SALVATION**



**SWORD
OF
SPIRIT**

EPHESIANS 6:10
