

The Whole Armor of God (Part 1)

Scripture

“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. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Eph 6:13-17 NKJV).

Devotion

Paul uses the analogy of a Roman soldier in his armor to convey to believers what it means to be prepared for battle. To stand against all the schemes of the devil one must be at the ready.

First, he mentions standing with your waist girded with truth. Truth is the foundation of the Christian life. Jesus said, “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32 NKJV). He said this to those who only believed to a point. They did not really know the truth as is evidenced by the dialogue between Jesus and them.

“They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How [can] you say, ‘You will be made free?’” Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, [but] a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. I know that you are Abraham’s descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you” (John 8:33-37 NKJV).

My dear friends, if you are a child of a God then you know the truth. The world does not know the truth, “whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them” (2Co 4:4 NKJV).

Let us then, knowing the darkness that overshadows the minds of the wicked, herald that truth as loud and as long as we may. Let us reckon like Paul that “. . . God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation . . . has committed to us the word of reconciliation” (2Co 5:18-19 NKJV). Then, let us be responsible with this great truth never to hide it, but to proclaim it to all who will give ear.

“For the word of God [is] living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things [are] naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we [must give] account” (Heb 4:12-13 NKJV).



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