



Put On Your Battle Gear!

Ephesians 6:14-17

A. Observation



1. With each of the articles we are to put on, Paul is reinforcing a previous _____.
2. The gear is referenced in the _____ that a Roman soldier would don his armor.
3. Our responsibility is to _____, _____ the armor and _____ in battle. (Eph. 6:11, 13, 14)

B. The Battle Gear:

1. The belt of truth



- a. The belt _____ the abdomen and groin of the Roman soldier and _____ all of his other gear together.
- b. It represents truth which is the _____ on which we stand. (Eph. 1:13; Eph. 4:15, 21, 25, 5:9)
- c. To stand in battle, the believer needs to _____ the truth of God's Word and to live a life of integrity. (1 Pet. 2:11-12)

2. The breastplate of righteousness



- a. The breastplate protected the _____ of the Roman soldier.
- b. It represents _____ righteousness which stems from our _____ righteousness in Christ.
- c. To stand in battle, the believer needs to live _____, or we may receive a mortal wound.

3. The sandals of peace



- a. The Roman soldiers' sandals were designed so that the soldiers could _____ their ground against an enemy attack.
- b. It represents _____, _____, and _____ with the saints (Eph. 1:2; 2:14-15; 4:3; and 6:23)
- c. To stand in battle, the believer needs to _____ peace and unity amongst the brethren lest we fall in division. (Phil 4:2-3)

4. The shield of faith



- a. The shield was designed to _____ the fiery arrows of the enemy.
- b. It represents our _____ in God's ways. (Eph. 1:1, 15; 2:8; 3:12, 17; 4:5, 13; 6:16, 21, 23)
- c. To stand in battle, the believer needs to _____ in God's ways to withstand Satan's attacks.

5. The helmet of salvation



- a. The helmet was designed to _____ the head and skull from enemy weapons and enemy's falling debris.
- b. It represents our _____ in 3 tenses. (Eph. 1:13-14; 2:8-10; Phil 2:12-13)
- c. To stand in battle, the believer needs to trust in our _____ to withstand the assault.

6. The sword of the Spirit



- a. The Roman sword was designed to stop an attacker in _____.
- b. It represents the skillful _____ and _____ of God's Word in the spiritual battle. (Eph. 1:8-9, 17-18; 3:5-6, 16; 4:11-16)
- c. To stand in battle, the believer is to _____ and _____ the Word of God to thwart the schemes of the devil. (Matt. 4:1-11; Gen. 2:16-17; 3:2-3; Ezra 7:10; Ps. 119:11)

C. What does this mean to you?



1. We need to urgently _____ the armor of God and remember that every piece of armor is critical.
2. We must live our lives in _____.
3. We must live with _____.
4. We must pursue _____ amongst the brethren.
5. We must trust God's ways are _____.
6. We must walk by _____ in our daily life.
7. We must learn use God's Word _____.