

## The Full Armor of God

### Ephesians 6:10-18

**Introduction:** We cannot look at what is going on in our country and not realize that the battle lines have been clearly drawn. The signing of the abortion bill in New York, the comments from the Virginia Governor on infanticide, the drug epidemic in our nation, the chaos in many of our public schools, and the prevailing humanist thought on the college campuses, serve to remind us as follower of Christ that we need the full armor of God. Gone are the days when society and the word of God and his precepts were mostly in harmony, they are now in direct conflict and the casual Christian will soon have to decide if they will take up the full armor or be overtaken by the enemy and ultimately the culture. Paul writing to the church at Ephesus reminded the believers there that they must put on the full armor of God to fight their spiritual battles and we must do the same.

1. Our battle is not with people but spiritual darkness. V.12
  - a. A reminder of this will keep us from becoming angry in the flesh at people. V.11
  - b. The battle is against the Lord not us. Psalm 2:1-3
  - c. We build our armor in the battle with our personal temptations.
  - d. We will never win this within ourselves and must be “Strong in the Lord” Is. 12:2
2. We must put on the, “full armor of God” V.11-17
  - a. The belt of Truth. This is ultimately for the Truth of God’s word. Jn. 17:17
  - b. The Breastplate of Righteousness. This is a battle for the Righteousness of God that is found only in Christ. Rm. 3:21-22, 1 Jn. 2:29, Prv. 4:23
  - c. The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace. Shoes are a symbol of action to carry the Gospel Rm. 10:15 When is the last time you shared the Gospel?
  - d. The Shield of Faith. Rm. 10:17
  - e. The Helmet of Salvation. The battlefield is in the mind. Rm. 12:1-2
  - f. The Sword of the Spirit. The word of God. Offensive weapon. The culture is trying to separate Christ from his word. Jn 1:1
3. Prayer V.18
  - a. Pray at all times 1 Thess. 5:17
  - b. Pray in the Spirit
  - c. Pray with Supplication and Perseverance “Plead humbly”
  - d. Pray for your brothers and sisters in the Lord.
4. What can I do?
  - a. Pray James 5:16
  - b. Give
  - c. Work 1 Peter 1:13

**Conclusion:** If we are going to have any impact on the spiritual darkness building in our nation we must be believers equipped with all the tools of spiritual warfare. Are you fully clothed with the armor of God or like many do you only have the Helmet of Salvation. Saul gave David his armor to fight against Goliath but David did not use them because he had not tested them. (1 Sam. 17:38-39). Are you trying to wear someone else’s armor or are you testing your own?