

Sunday, November 23, 2025

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: The Amor of God, Part 1

Series: Spiritual Warfare...8

Text: Ephesians 6:10 - 20

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the nature of the first three items of the Believer's armor.

Introduction:

Review of "The 'Rest' of the Counsel of the Holy Spirit:"

~ 1) 'Rest' or 'Remainder,' not in Conclusion ; ~ 2) Realize Our Limitations; ~ 3) Recognize Our Enemy
~ 1 Samuel 17:38 – 39, *"Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, (39) and David strapped his sword over his armor. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot for with these. For I have not tested them." So David put them off."*

~ The instruction of the Holy Spirit is for each individual believer to put on the armor of God. It is personal, tailored to YOU. It will not suffice for someone else, and another's armor will not work for you.

~ This does NOT mean that we don't care for the soul person or that we do bear each other's burdens (Galatians 6:1 - 5).

~ Do I desire to be a burden bearer or am I a burden (not willing to stand in the armor of God!).

1. Put on the Belt of Truth:

~ vs. 14, *"Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth,"*

~ My personal understanding regarding 'truth' is that it is more than knowledge of the word of God, it is a personal relationship with the Son of God who is the TRUTH!

~ John 1:1 – 4, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He was in the beginning with God. (3) All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. (4) In him was life, and the life was the light of men."*

~ John 14:6, *"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

~ Ephesians 3:14 – 21

~ Romans 10:8 – 13

~ For the Roman soldier the belt secured his armor, for the Hebrew priest the belt (sash [abnet]) symbolized readiness for service and the binding of oneself to God's work.

~ John...STOP, acknowledge the completed work of the Cross and the promise that Christ Jesus is in you and that you are in Christ Jesus. Compare Colossians 1:27 and 2 Corinthians 5:17

2. Put on the Breastplate of Righteousness:

~ vs.14, *"Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,"*

~ Proverbs 4:20 – 23, *"My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. (21) Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. (22) For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. (23) Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life."*

~ Isaiah 64:6, *"We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away."*

~ 2 Corinthians 5:10, *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil."*

~ 2 Corinthians 5:21, *"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."*

~ John...again, righteousness is not what you do but what Christ Jesus is and He is in you and you are in Him; this results in changed behavior, not perfection but progressive Godly change!

3. Put on Shoes:

~ vs. 15, *"and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace."*

~ Exodus 3:5, *"Then he said, "Do not come near take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."*

~ 1 Corinthians 6:19 – 20, *"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, (20) for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."*

~ John 20:21, *"Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."*

~ Romans 10:10 - 17

Conclusion: