

Sunday, November 30, 2025

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

Title: The The Armor of God, Part 2

Series: Spiritual Warfare...9

Text: Ephesians 6:10 - 20

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

Introduction:

In the devotional last week we considered the first three pieces of the Believer's armor:

- ~ 1) Put on the Belt of Truth;
- ~ 2) Put on the Breastplate of Righteousness;
- ~ 3) Put on Shoes
- ~ To give personal clarity of these three I summarized them as: ~ 1. Jesus is my belt of Truth; ~ 2. Jesus is my Breastplate of Righteousness; ~ 3. Jesus is the Message that I put on my feet.

~ Today we consider the remaining three pieces of armor.

1. Take the Shield of Faith:

~ vs. 16, *"In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;"*

~ Video and picture

~ Romans 10:17, *"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word (4487, rhema) of Christ."*

~ Jude 1:20, *"But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit."*

Compare 1 Corinthians 14:2 & 4, Romans 8:26

~ Romans 1:17, *"For the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith.'"*

~ 1 Corinthians 16:13, *"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."*

~ 2 Corinthians 5:7, *"for we walk by faith, not by sight."*

~ Hebrews 11:6, *"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."*

~ 1 Peter 4:12, *"Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you."*

My notes on 2 Thessalonians 1:2 - 3

2. Take the Helmet of Salvation:

~ vs. 17, *"take the helmet of salvation,"*

~ Read note about the difference between brain and mind. Note regarding neuroplasticity. Insert

~ 1 Corinthians 2:16, *"For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."*

~ Philippians 2:5, *"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,"*

~ Romans 12:2, *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

~ Isaiah 26:3, *"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you."*

~ 2 Corinthians 10:5, *"We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ."*

3. Take the Sword of the Spirit:

~ vs. 17, *"and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word (4487, rhema) of God,"*

~ Hebrews 4 with special attention to verse 12

~ John 1:1 - 14

~ Colossians 3:17, *"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."*

Conclusion:

Ephesians 6:18, *"praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,"*

1 John 5:14 - 15, *"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. (15) And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him."*

Song – Jesus, Name Above All Names