

Series: You Asked For It!

Title: What is the Armor of God?

Text: (Eph 6:10-20)

I. Introduction:

- A. Paul in jail many years: (Acts 28:16, 20)(Phil 1:13)
- B. Christianity a fighting faith
- C. Weapons are not Physical: (2 Cor 10:4)
- D. Our equipment: (Eph 6:10, 13-18)

II. The Christian Soldier's Charge: Vs 10-11

- A. *Brethren* – Christian believers
- B. *Be strong in the Lord* –
- C. *Be Strong* In the power of God (Eph 3:16, 20)

III. The Christian Soldier's Enemy: Devil & his strategy

- A. Wiles: Cunning Craftiness: (1 Jn 2:16)
- B. Sin of False Teachers: (2 Cor 11:14)

IV. The Christian Soldier's Warfare: (Eph 6:12)

(2 Cor 10:3-4) (1 Pet 5:8)

V. The Christian Soldier's Duty: (Vs 13)

Take the whole armor of God: (Rom 13:12)

VI. The Christian Soldier's Armor: (Vs 14-17)

- a. **Girded with Truth (Belt)** – (Vs 14)(2 Tim 2:3-4)
- b. **Breast Plate of Righteousness:** (Vs 14b)
(James 4:4) (Prov 11:4-19)
- c. **Sandals of the Gospel** – (Vs 15)(1 Pet 3:15)
- d. **Shield of Faith in God:** (Vs16) (Ps 3:3)
- e. **Helmet of Salvation** – (Vs 17)(Rom 8:6)
- f. **Sword of the Spirit** – (Vs 17b)(Jn 17:17)

VII. The Christian Soldier's Supernatural provision:

(Vs 18) **Prayer:** (Rom 8:26-27)

b. Concentrated and persistent (Matt 26:41)(Eph 1:15-16)

Pray for Leaders: (Eph 6:19-20)(Rom 15:30)

How to Pray for your Pastor

Monday: Pray for the Pastor's family.

- God's Peace, Protection, relationship with his wife

Tuesday: Pray for wisdom for your Pastor.

- Godly decision making, Understanding Biblical truth

Wednesday: Pray for the Pastor's ministry focus.

- Clear Vision, God-given gifts & strengths

Thursday: Pray for your Pastor's health.

- Protection of his body and mind, stamina & strength

Friday: Pray for your Pastor's spiritual growth.

- A heart for God and the lost, Fresh biblical insights
- Personal devotions not related to sermon preparation

Saturday: Pray for your pastor's purity.

- Pure thought life & faithfulness to his wife
- Pure commitment to complete integrity

Sunday: Pray for God's anointing on your pastor.

- Strength in leadership, Passion in his preaching
- Fruit and joy in his ministry

What the Lord Expects of us as Soldiers of the Cross

A. **To put on the Armor of God:** (vs.1 I, 13)

B. **To be strong in the Lord,** (v 10) (not in ourselves).

C. **To withstand.** (vs 13) repel the attack of the enemy

D. **To stand:** (vs 11,14) Holding on with no retreat.

E. **To be praying:** (vs 18-19) Praise and supplication.

F. **To be watching:** (vs 18) Persistence