



BIG IDEA: In the same way someone would not go into battle without equipment or play football without a helmet and pads, Christians must put on the armor God has given us to withstand the attacks of the enemy. We will look at the significance of and how to apply each article in the armor of God—as described by Paul in his letter to the Church.

Week 17

Text: Ephesians 6:10-18

Sermon Title: Holy Armor Batman!

I. Intro

- a. Recap basic ideas from Paul's letter thus far
 - i. God's Sovereignty
 - ii. Our Identity in Christ
 - iii. Unity amongst the believers
- b. Read the Text
 - i. "Finally"
 1. This is Paul's conclusions
 - a. Final thoughts
 - b. Prayer requests
 - c. Exhortations
 - ii. Why did Paul have to write this?

II. Why don't we use the full armor?

- a. We don't sense the danger or recognize the power of the enemy.
 - i. Who is the enemy?

1. THEREFORE (v 13): What is it “There for”?
 2. V12; 1 Peter 5:8
- b. We don’t have every piece of armor.
- i. Armor of God – Historical significance, Modern day equivalent
 1. Belt of Truth (John 8:31-36)
 2. Breastplate of Righteousness (Psalm 119:137-138)
 3. Sandals of the Gospel of Peace (1 Cor 15:1-6)
 4. Shield of Faith (Hebrews 11:4-7)
 5. Helmet of Salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9)
 6. Sword of the Spirit (Hebrews 4:12)
 - a. Only offensive weapon on the list
 - ii. The WHOLE armor is ready and available to us.. we just need to “take it up”.
- c. We have the full armor but we don’t know how to use it.
- i. Application
- d. We are in our comfort zone.
- i. Exhortation to come out of our comfort zones
 - ii. Why should I get out of my comfort zone?
 1. To be ignorant and simple now -- not to be able to meet the enemies on their own ground -- would be to throw down our weapons, and the betray our uneducated brethren who have, under God, no defense but us against the intellectual attacks of the heathen. Good philosophy must exist, if for no other reason, because bad philosophy needs to be answered. (C.S. Lewis “Learning in War-Time”)

III. Don’t forget to pray.

Dear Church (Part 17)
"Holy Armor Batman" [Eph. 6:10-18]
August 20th, 2017

HomeGroup and Personal Study Questions

- How do you interpret "putting on the whole armor of God"? (Eph. 6:11) Is this something (act or an idea) that you consider often? Explain your answers.
- The Apostle Paul warns readers against "powers and principalities" in high places—heavenly realms. How does this warning affect you? What do you think is the best approach for dealing with these powers and principalities? (Eph. 6:12)
- Read Ephesians 6:13-17 paying close attention to the various elements of the "armor" Paul describes. How do relate to each of these specific items of armor and how do you think they affect you spiritually? Do you "use" all of the armor of God? Please provide explanation.
- How does a person know how or learn how to use the "armor of God"?
- What do you think about the concept of spiritual warfare? Do you think every challenge or adverse situation is a spiritual attack? Can you describe how we might tell the difference between what is a spiritual attack and what might be a turn of challenging events? Why might it be important to know the difference between the two?
- Would you consider any item from the armor of God more important than the other? What would be the reasoning for your answer?