



**THE ARMOR OF GOD**  
*Ephesians 6:10-24*

**GETTING STARTED**

When you hear of “spiritual warfare”, how do you generally respond?

- 1 Verse 11 tells us to “Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.” As you break down this instruction, discuss the significance of the various parts of this command:
  - Put on:
  
  - the whole armor of God:
  
  - that you may be able to stand:
  
  - the schemes of the devil:
  
- 2 Read verse 12. Why is it important to know that the enemy is not “flesh and blood”?
  
- 3 Pastor Paul identified 3 characteristics of the enemy described in v. 12. What is the significance of each?
  - Spiritual:
  
  - Real:
  
  - Evil:
  
- 4 Why do you think Paul repeats the command about taking up the whole armor of God in verse 13 after describing the enemy?

- 5 Read verses 14-17 that identify the specific pieces of armor. Discuss what each piece of armor is and how each is to be used:
- The belt of truth :
  - The breastplate of righteousness:
  - Shoes—the readiness given by the gospel of peace:
  - The Shield of faith:
  - The helmet of salvation:
  - The sword of truth:
- 6 Read verses 18-20. Prayer is not listed as a weapon. What role does it play in spiritual warfare?
- Why was it important for Paul to ask the Ephesians to pray for him (vv. 19-20)?
- 7 In the final verses (vv 23-24), what four qualities does Paul emphasize, consistent with his teachings Throughout this letter?

### APPLY THE LESSON

Pastor Paul closed out the message with three important truths. Why are these truths important to keep in mind in fighting this battle?

- The Battle is Real:
- The Enemy is Ready:
- The Weapons are Required: