

Put On The Whole Armor Of God

Eph 6

Text: Ephesians 6:1

Introduction:

Man's chief end is to glorify God. God has revealed His glory to men and men are to respond to that glory and men are to respond by giving glory, majesty, dominion, and power unto a glorious God.

All created things were brought into existence in order that they should glorify God.

Some of the ways that we glorify God is by our fellowship and worship of God.

We considered last week the issue of how a Christian is to bring glory to the Lord living in this present world.

This morning we will continue looking at how a Christian can be the person that they were designed to be in this world in which we live.

Read Text (Ephesians 6:10-24)

The truth is; being the person that we have been designed to be is not always easy. We know that we were designed to bring glory to the Lord, however,

there are times that it is a struggle. Paul liken it to a battle.

Actually it's not even a choice that we make, the Christian is to be engaged in the battle.

The battle is a battle against the evilness of Satan.

The great news is that we are guaranteed to win the war in we do as we are Told.

1. THE EXHORTATION (VS. 10-11; 13; 18-20)

Ephes. 6:10-11

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. [11] Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephes. 6:13

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Ephes. 6:18-20

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; [19] And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, [20] For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Paul issues a fourfold exhortation.

A. Be strong - Find strength in God's power.

B. Prepare - Put on the whole armor of God.

C. Stand firm - having **done all** to stand.

D. Pray always

1. For yourself

2. For others

3. For the preacher - (Paul asked for himself)

2. THE ENEMY (VS. 11-12)

Ephes. 6:11-12

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against **the wiles of the devil**. [12] For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

A. His craftiness - wiles

B. His cohorts (vs 12)

3. THE EQUIPMENT (VS 14-17)

Ephes. 6:14-17

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; [15] And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; [16] Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. [17] And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

A. Truth - It begins here - with the Lord

John 8:32

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 1:17

For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Acts 26:25

But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth **the words of truth** and soberness.

Note: Paul didn't say, "Speak words of truth," but rather "the" words of truth.

B. Righteousness - The result of truth

Romans 4:11-25

And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: [12] And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised. [13] For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. [14] For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: [15] Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. [16] Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, [17] (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. [18] Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. [19] And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: [20] He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; [21] And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. [22] And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. [23] Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; [24] But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; [25] Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

C. Gospel

Note the order. One must know Truth in order to have righteousness, and in order to effectively give the Gospel one must be righteous.

D. Shield of Faith - Protection for those who are taking the gospel.

E. The Helmet of Salvation - Protect our minds.

F. The Sword of the Spirit - The Word of God

Close:

When the Lord tells us to "hold the fort" against the wiles of the devil we are not outnumbered. He has provided all the strength that we need. He has provided us with His strength. Our Lord never puts us in a battle that we will lose as long as we do as He says. Our Lord tells us to use the weapons, the armor He has provided in order to resist Satan.

We should make sure that we have made a once and for all decision to wear and use the armor which God has provided. Daily we should put on this armor.