

# THEREFORE

*Living Boldly*



**a study on Ephesians**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

<sup>11</sup> Put on the **WHOLE ARMOR** of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

<sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the **WHOLE ARMOR** of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

**Ephesians 6:10-13**



# "BE PREPARED"

Ephesians – So far is like "BOOT CAMP"

WHOLE ARMOR – FULLY GEARED UP

WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING?

*"...Not against flesh and blood"* - **NOT Physical**

*"...The schemes of the devil."* - **Spiritual**

**1Peter 5:8** "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."

**James 4:7** "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

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<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the **belt of truth**, and having put on the **breastplate of righteousness**,

<sup>15</sup> and, as **shoes** for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the **gospel of peace**.

<sup>16</sup> In all circumstances take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

<sup>17</sup> and take the **helmet of salvation**, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God,

**Ephesians 6:14-17**



# WHOLE ARMOR

## Belt of Truth -

**John 8:44** – “You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

**John 17:17** – “Sanctify them in the Truth; Your Word is Truth.”

## Breastplate of Righteousness –

**Romans 3:11** “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God.”

**II Corinthians 5:21** “For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”

## Shoes of the Gospel of Peace –

**1 Peter 3:15** “But, in your hearts - honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.”

# WHOLE ARMOR

## Shield of Faith -

**II Thessalonians 3:3** "But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and guard you against the evil one."

**1 Peter 4:19** "Therefore, let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good."

## Helmet of Salvation –

**Ephesians 2:8-9** "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

## Sword of the Spirit –

**Acts 1:8** "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth".

**Galatians 5:22-23** "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law".



<sup>18</sup> 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,

<sup>19</sup> and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

**Ephesians 6:18-20**

# PRAYER & PERSERVERENCE

**II Chronicles 2:14** "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

**Mark 11:24** "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."

**I Thessalonians 5:17** "Pray without ceasing,"

**Matthew 26:41** "Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."



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**How satisfying to turn  
from our limitations to a  
God Who has none!**

**- A.W. Tozer**

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