

Series: Learning To Walk

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Title: Ready for Battle

Text: Ephesians 6:13-24

Put on Armor of God: Put on the Lord Jesus Christ. Put on the new man created in the image of Jesus.

Put on: to be clothed.

Rom 13:12,14, Gal 3:27, Eph 4:24, Col 3:10,12,14,
1 Thess 5:8

Stand: to oppose, resist, stand out against.

James 4:7, 1 Peter 5:8-9

The Armor:

The Belt of Truth

Truth is understanding what reality is. The world and its ways are not reality. The Gospel and the kingdom of God are. The life we have in Christ is what it means to be truly human and is what life is all about and meant to be. Eph 1:13, 15, 21, 25

The belt held all the other pieces of armor in place. Truth is what holds all of our walk with the Lord together. Our faith in Christ is grounded in truth.

John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth and the Life..."

Breastplate of Righteousness: / Justice:

Being right with God (through Jesus Christ).

Doing right I John 1:9

Shoes for your feet - Readiness to proclaim gospel

(preparedness)

"Proclaiming the Gospel is an offensive assault on the domain of Satan"

Shield of Faith: large shield large enough to stand behind

Extinguish the arrows of the evil one

Helmet of Salvation:

The renewed mind

New Identity in Jesus

God's assured deliverance in battle

Sword of the Spirit:

The Word of God spoken

Jesus example: Luke 4:1-13

A double edge sword. Heb 4:12, Rev 1:16

Prayers in the Holy Spirit:

Prayer guided by the Holy Spirit

Prayer with Holy Spirit language ? 1 Cor 14: 14-15

Final words from Paul:

Tychicus: a beloved brother and a faithful minister

So the people may know Paul and his current status and mission

Closing Grace: Peace, love , faith and Grace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ