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Preparing for Battle / Christian Life; Church; Prayer / Ephesians 6:10–24

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Putting on the breastplate of righteousness (6:14b)

Shodding your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace (6:15)

Taking up the shield of faith (6:16)

Taking up the helmet of salvation (6:17a)

Taking up the sword of the Spirit (6:17b)

Pre-sermon Comments

Explain from Scripture why it is critical for each member of the body of Christ to use their gifts for the building up of the body (ex. Eph 4:11-16).

Sermon Text

Introduction to our Text

Review

Give some examples of Paul being attacked for the sake of the Gospel (for example 2 Cor 11:22-33)

Proposition and Outline

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Preparation 1: Gird Yourself with the Belt of Truth (Review)

Have you asked yourself whether you are ready to fight for the truth? How have you readied yourself?

How do you think you will respond when opposition arrives?

Preparation 2: Put on the Breastplate of Righteousness (Review)

Do you think that Paul is referring to the righteousness of Christ imputed to us at salvation or do you think he is referring to righteous living? Explain your answer using Scripture.

Preparation 3: Shod Your Feet with the Gospel of Peace (Review)

In your own words, why is it critical for the believer to constantly be reminded of Gospel truth? How does this protect us?

Preparation 4: Take Up the Shield of Faith

Describe in your own words how faith protects us as Christians. Give scriptural examples (Hebrews 11).

Describe in your own words how faith upholds us during trials (James 1:2-4 & 1 Peter 1:7)

Give an example where your faith protected you from temptation, accusation, or trial.

Preparation 5: Take Up the Helmet of Salvation

In what ways are we protected by the helmet of salvation?

Use scripture to explain perseverance of the saints.

Why is it crucial for us to understand the doctrine of perseverance of the saints?

Conclusion:

In what ways will you apply the truths of this sermon in your life?

The Gospel

If the Holy Spirit has convicted you regarding any of the truths contained in this sermon or if you have questions about them or about the Christian faith, please seek your small group leader or another mature Christian to guide you.