



THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST BIBLE OUTREACH

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Topic: Christian Weapons of Warfare

Text: 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

I told you on Thursday that as Christians we are not to live by the standard of the world. To live by the standard of the world is to live like a sinner or to live according to the flesh and the sinful nature.

Also, as Christians, we are not to fight by the standard of the world. We must not fight with weapons the world fights with because our weapon is not carnal but stronger to pull down every stronghold of the devil.

The Bible mentions some weapons of spiritual warfare all Christians must have to fight war in the Spirit.

Ephesians 6:1-18

Apostle Paul instructed Christians to put on all the armor of God. No child of God will be able to stand not to talk of fight or win a battle.

Why do we need to put on God's armor? Because we are weak as human beings, therefore we need God's armor to be strong and equipped to fight the enemy (Satan).

God has given His armor to every Christian to protect us from our chief spiritual enemy.

Our Christian life is like a struggle or battle and in order to overcome, there are some things we need to know.

The **first** thing to do is to put on God's armor like the worldly soldiers use armored tanks.

The **second** thing is that we must know how strong our enemy is. We should not make the mistake that Satan is not strong. When you know that your enemy is strong, you will know how to equip yourself better. We must know that Satan is

not alone, allied with him are principalities, powers, rulers, spiritual wickedness in the heavenly places.

Another **important thing** we must know as Christians is that all these rulers, powers, authorities and spiritual wickedness in heavenly places are what Jesus Christ now reigns over in heaven.

But here on Earth, all these powers, rulers and principalities are still strong and powerful and that is why we need God's armor.

In Ephesians 6:14-18, the Bible mentions about **seven** parts of this armor of God:

1. **The Belt of Truth:** vs 14 The Bible says Satan is the Father of lies. (John 8:44). Only the Truth can defeat Satan's lies. If you don't want the devil to defeat you, be trustworthy.
2. **Breastplate of Righteousness:** God has declared Christians to be righteous in Christ. Since we have forsaken the sinful way and repented as we confessed Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we have what is *imputed righteousness*; that Christ's righteousness is imputed on us and whenever God looks at us, He no longer sees a sinner but Christ's righteousness. Christians need to put on the breastplate of righteousness so as to defeat Satan the devil. Satan will make you doubt if you are really saved to defeat you. Prove to him that the righteousness of Christ has been put on you and you are saved.
3. **Footwear with the preparation of the Gospel of peace:** Christians who want to defeat Satan and all his agent must be ready to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to others, to sinners through evangelism. Apostle Paul called the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Gospel of peace because through the Gospel, peace come between man and God.
4. **The Shield of Faith:** vs 16 The Shield is our faith in God. Whenever we raise our shield, we have complete confidence in God's power. In Apostle Paul's days, the shield of a soldier was 4 1/2 feet high and 2 1/2 feet wide. It was big enough to protect the whole body. Also, when Christians raise our spiritual shield of faith, we are fully protected from Satan's flaming arrows. His flaming arrows like fear, doubt, worry, confusion that leads to frustration, discouragement etc.

5. **The Helmet of Salvation:** vs 17 The helmet of a soldier is to protect his head, so that the enemy will not kill him. In the same way, the spiritual helmet of Salvation will protect our spiritual head from being targeted by the enemy. The helmet is the guarantee of our salvation, eternal life. With the helmet of Salvation, Satan and his agents cannot take eternal life away from us.
6. **The Sword of the Spirit:** vs 17 The first five parts of the armor are defensive in nature but the sixth one, the Sword, is offensive. It is for attacking Satan and all his agents. The Sword is the word of God and without it, no Christian can defeat Satan our enemy when he comes with trials and tribulations. The word of God is effective, powerful and mighty for pulling down strongholds of Satan. An example is our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 4:1-11.
7. **Prayer:** vs 18 Without prayer, our armor (our spiritual weapon) is useless. Our prayer must not be only for ourselves, we must pray for others, intercede on their behalf so that they may be able to stand against the attack of Satan and overcome him. 1 Thessalonians 5:17