

Armor of God Part 1 Introduction

Overview: The Armor of God gives us the ability in the spiritual realm to stand against and prevail over all the wiles of the devil. When we understand the armor and the purpose of it, and then apply it in our lives as part of our normal lifestyle, we will successfully withstand, as a super-conqueror, in the days of evil. Eph 6:10-18.

A. Defining the Armor of God.

1. Put on the **whole** armor of God. Eph 6:11,13
Eph 6:11,13 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day...
2. The armor is an understanding and a believing in our heart of all that Jesus has done for us that protects us from being deceived by the devil. The Armor is both defensive and offensive.
3. We are to wear the armor at all times as an integral part of our lifestyle. 2 Cor 10:3,4

B. Purpose of the Armor

1. Jesus defeated the evil one thoroughly on the cross. Col 2:15
Col 2:15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.
2. The devil's only weapon against us is deception. 2 Cor 11:2-3; 2 Tim 2:25-26
Co 11:2-3 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ. 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.
2 Ti 2:25-26 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 26 And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.
3. The Armor of God protects us in the evil day by helping us to understand Eph 6:11,13 and stand against the wiles (trickery) of the devil.
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C. Focus of the Armor

1. Know your enemy – it is not you, nor the person(s) you see. Eph 6:12a
Eph 6:12a For we wrestle not against flesh and blood...
2. We contend with the devil and his kingdom of darkness which motivates flesh and blood through deception. Eph 6:12
Eph 6:12 For we wrestle.... against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

3. We are seated with Christ in heavenly places in a place of authority. Eph 2:6; Eph 1:20-21
Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:
Eph 1:20-21 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:
4. We have authority over all the power of the evil one and his forces. Luke 10:19
Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power [authority] to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

D. Attitude of the Armor

1. Receive these instructions as a military command – Each verb is in the imperative.
Be strong; Put on; Take unto you; Stand therefore.
2. Stand against – upright, active position that confronts and pushes back. Eph 6:11
Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to **stand against** the wiles of the devil.
3. Withstand – oppose, resist. Eph 6:13
Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to **withstand** in the evil day...
4. Having done all to stand, stand therefore – upright, active – aggressive and pressing against the opposition. Eph 6:14
Eph 6:14 **Stand therefore**, having....

E. Using the Armor

1. Meditate and study the various aspects of the armor as a soldier studies his equipment and weapons. 2 Tim 2:15
2 Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
2. Put on the Armor by words and actions (faith) to get it in our hearts. Mark 11:23
Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.
3. Evaluate every thought against the Word, especially the Fruit of the Spirit and the Armor of God. Deception comes through our eyes, ears and thoughts. 2 Cor 10:5
2 Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;