

The Force Wars

We do not wrestle against flesh and blood

“Armed and Extremely Dangerous”
Ephesians 6:13-18

“Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit . . .” Ephesians 6:13-18

Spiritual warfare is . . .

- a special kind of prayer
- to accomplish God's will
- by recognizing and neutralizing demonic forces that opposes it

Spiritual warfare is a battle and Paul describes the provision of God for us to successfully engage in that battle. He outlines for us the battle gear for spiritual warfare. There are six pieces of God's armor that enables us to face and fight demonic forces in accomplishing the will of God. The armor of God includes:

- the belt of truth
- the breastplate of righteousness
- Feet fitted with readiness
- The shield of faith
- The helmet of salvation
- The sword of the spirit

Let's look more closely at each one and practice putting it on the full armor of God today and engaging in spiritual warfare.

Literally “clothe yourself” the full armor of God is Jesus! Galatians 3:27

1. The belt of truth represents integrity.



- The accurate assessment of my spiritual condition
1 John 1:5-10; Psalm 139:23-24

2. The breastplate of righteousness represents forgiveness.



- The conscious exchange of my life for Christ's Romans 1:17; 2 Corinthians 5:21

3. The shoes represent obedience.



- Living out the will of God
James 1:22; Psalm 119:59

4. The shield of faith represents trust.



- Positioning oneself behind God's faithfulness
Psalm 119:92; Acts 27:23-25; Job 1:22

5. The helmet of salvation represents authority.



- You actually must receive this "helmet" according to the literal Greek translation
- Living for the honor of Christ
John 7:18; Philippians 1:21

6. The sword of the spirit represents revelation/inspiration.



- Fighting for God's will and advancing His Kingdom
Matthew 16:19; Matthew 6:9-10

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Jesus is the full armor of God (Galatians 3:27)