

The Power of God's Armor

Ephesians 6:10-20

Did you know that when you trusted Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, you became not only a believer but also a warrior? That's why, at the end of his life, Paul said, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7).

The apostle knew that there are enemies opposing us all throughout our time on earth—and these include not just satan, his emissaries, and the world system but even our own sinful flesh. However, Jesus has not left us defenseless. He has provided the armor of God for our protection.

The Word of God promises that we who believe in Jesus Christ will overcome the world (1 John 5:4-5). Yet most of us would have to admit we sometimes feel more defeated than victorious in certain areas of our life. However, the tools God has provided for us make it possible to withstand satan's temptations and break down any strongholds he has established in our minds.

When we are dressed in the Lord's armor, we're wrapped in truth, righteousness, peace, and salvation and are protected by the shield of faith. And Paul says that with this shield, we "will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one" (Eph. 6:16). Those arrows are the devil's lies, and they can be snuffed out with truth from God's Word.

Our weapons are "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" and prayer (Eph. 6:17-18). Although our enemy knows our weaknesses and is always ready to attack, we have the power of God on our side.