



Armor of God Sermon Series

The enemy comes to ‘kill, steal and destroy’. To do all he can to discourage, disorient, and distract us from knowing, and from living in, the Abundant Life that Christ has won for us, and desires for us. The Apostle Paul says – life can often feel like a battlefield. It feels like wrestling. Daily. Sometimes Hourly. But you can stand! Not in your own strength – but when you choose to not just know; but to pick up the promises of scripture (the armor God has given you), and to put them on, and walk in them...

Week 1: Belt of Truth

***Core Truth:** Allowing the truths that Christ has spoken/declared over your life to give you support, strength and courage to stand in the battle. This happens when we step into the freedom Christ desires for us (Galatians 5:1) by choosing to take all the aspects of our life and tucking them into the promises of God.*

Week 2: Breastplate of Righteousness

***Core Truth:** Find protection in knowing that you have been given ‘right standing’ before God (justified) because of the atoning work of Jesus on the cross. Guard your heart by pursuing righteous living – not giving sin a foothold in your life. (Eph. 4:27) Walk in what is true – that you’ve been made right before the Father, and that you have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit to help your life reflect that!*

Week 3: Shoes of Gospel Peace

***Core Truth:** Know that you can find ‘stability’ because of the peace that the gospel brings – a peace that passes understanding. (Phil. 4:7). This peace is what you have because of what Christ has done IN you. And the shoes of the gospel give ‘mobility’ to bring the Kingdom into the world around – to bring ‘shalom’ into the chaos of this world. Peace is now what you ‘make’ because Christ will work THROUGH you.*

Week 4: Shield of Faith

***Core Truth:** Give your faith a job. Because faith is not just what you say you believe, it’s what you say you believe – in action. (James 2:26) This means choosing to walk by faith, and not by sight (2 Cor 5:7)- and when we do it raises a shield of protection in our lives against the enemy’s fiery arrows. A faith place. Where it may not make sense to us, but we choose to step out in faith anyway.*

Week 5: Helmet of Salvation

Core Truth: Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12) – and let it bring protection to your mind – to what you think. Ask yourself often – who do you **THINK** you are? And make sure that it aligns with the truth of what Jesus has said. Remember your identity in Christ. No sin is unbeatable. No past is unforgiveable. And underwhelming our future will not be – when our hope and salvation is found in Jesus Christ.

Week 6: Sword of the Spirit

Core Truth: Our weapon is rhema – when the word of God (graphe), becomes the message of God (logos) through you! That's rhema. We can own 1,000 Bibles, and not own a sword. We can read it 1,000 times and not own a sword. If it is just ink on a page, or doctrine or dogma – then you've missed it. That what the enemy wants because he wants you to surrender – to drop your sword, or never pick it up. But Paul is saying – 'let it be who you are.' (James 1:22).

Church – I want you to remember the same thing the Apostle Paul wanted followers of Jesus to remember... I want you to remember that no matter how intense the wrestling feels, how intense the battle feels – you can stand. I want you to remember that no matter how crazy and relentless the enemy's attacks and schemes are – you can stand. I want you to remember that no matter how loud the accusations and lies are spoken – you can stand. I want you to know that no matter how spectacular the failure, or how strong the stronghold of temptation has been...you can stand.

You don't need to be relegated to the sideline. I want you to remember you are fighting a battle that Jesus has already won. So I want to encourage you to not just know the promises of the gospel...I actually want to encourage you to wear them. Like every day, put them on, and walk in them. To live in the power they have.

So church, in that battle, *like a belt, put on the truth of Jesus. Like a breastplate, guard your heart by wearing the righteousness of Jesus. Like shoes, stand in the gospel of Jesus. Like a shield, carry faith because of Jesus. Like a helmet, guard you mind in the truth of the salvation of Jesus. Like a sword, listen to and apply the words of Jesus. And cover it all – in prayer. And as you do – when I's all over but the shouting, you will find yourself standing in Christ.*

Series Song: [You've Already Won by Shane & Shane](#)

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