**The Armor of God Part 5: Our Weapons Pt. 3**

Ephesians 6:10-20 (NKJV)

1. **Review: To understand and be victorious in warfare we must:**
2. Know **2** things about ourselves: Our **position** (vs. 10) (in the Lord) and our **role** (vs. 11) (to stand).

* Our biggest responsibility is (personal) *soul management* (We must chose to let the Spirit lead us).

1. Know **3** things about our enemy: His **identity** (vss. 11b-12), his **nature** (vs. 12) and his **strategy** (vs. 11)
2. Know what **weapons** to use (trust God’s selections):

* **Belt of truth** (vs. 14): enables us to see **error**, to make good decisions. (1 Thessalonians 5:21) It **sanctifies** us. (purifies & set apart) (John 17:17)
* **Breastplate of righteousness** (vs. 14): In Christ’s righteousness our **motives** and **actions** line up with truth. (See 1 Corinthians 15:34, 1 John 3:9-11) Holding the truth in His righteousness dispels **self**-**righteousness**. (See Isaiah 64:6-8, Ephesians 2:8-10, Philippians 2:12-13)
* **Shoes of Peace** (vs. 15) (Peace Greek work which means “to join”). We are **professors** of peace without (Isaiah 61:1-3, Mark 16:15, Romans 10:14-15) and **possessors** of peace within. (John 14:27, Philippians 4:6-7, Colossians 3:15) God’s peace **accompanies** truth held in righteousness.

1. **Our Weapons (continued)**
2. Shield of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 16)

Ephesians 6:16 NKJV \*[*above all*]*, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.*

\*withal… (RSV & ASV), in addition to all… (NASB), In addition to all of these…(NLT)

Hebrews 11:1 NKJV *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

* Faith is our first \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The shield not only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but it also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Why faith as a shield?: We need faith because we need \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that supports the truth I can’t see, when I’m \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by all the facts that I can see.

1. Helmet of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 17)

Ephesians 6:17 NKJV *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;*

* We are saved/delivered on two fronts: both in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + Free from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of sin (hell in the future).
  + Free from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of sin (bondage in life today).
* Benefits of wearing salvation as a helmet:
* We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ properly.
* We live \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lives.
* We live as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people having a hope and glorious future.