



CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL
BATTLE ARMOR (PART II):
SHIELD, HELMET, SWORD
EPH. 6:16-17
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I. Introduction

The supernatural battle occurring in and around us is raging throughout the universe itself between Creator God and his angels, against the forces of Evil led by Satan. Our use of the weapons God has given us requires more than just awareness; it requires their use on a regular basis.

II. The Shield of Faith (v. 16)

- a. What are some supernatural arrows our shield protects us from in this battle?
- b. Having knowledge and acting on that knowledge

III. The Helmet of Salvation (v. 17a)

- a. Boasting in our weaknesses
- b. Is a constant reminder

IV. The Sword of the Spirit (v. 17b)

- a. A weapon to battle for truth
- b. Stay in meditate on, and memorize God's Word

V. Conclusion

If we are weak in our knowledge of Scripture, we can become easily confused or misquoting of God's Word. The more familiar we become with Scripture, the more we will be able to be effective in the Spiritual Battle against Satan, against darkness, and lead people to the Kingdom of Light.



CEFC Sermon-Based Growth Group
Week of: December 2, 2018
Title: Christian Spiritual Battle Armor
(Part II): Shield, Helmet, Sword
Text: Ephesians 6:16-17

Kick Starters...

1. When you 'hit the wall' in your life by losing your focus.
2. How has God's gift of spiritual armor sustained you during a life's trial?

Entertain the text

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

Engage the text

4. What does Paul mean in v. 16 when he says, "In **all** circumstances, take up the shield of faith?"
5. As we mature and grow in faith toward Christlikeness, how does the Armor of God contribute? (2 Cor. 5:7)
6. Read 2 Cor. 12:9-10 together. How do we share in Paul's words?
7. What happens to us when we 'let our guard' down during the Battle for souls?

8. How does trusting in God's timing and not our own make us more effective in this spiritual battle? (Hint: 2 Cor. 10:5-6)
9. There is only offensive piece of Armor given by God. (Hint: v.17) What is that piece and how are we to use it each day?

Execute the text

10. When we as Christians take and use the word of God as directed by God himself to show someone what Scripture says about their sin, their separation from God, Jesus, and his power to save, we witness divine power at work. This is why our understanding of this spiritual battle is so important. Satan attacks that which is most powerful against him—the Word of God.

Lost & Found

Larson/Grosskopf
Sunday 4pm @ Larsons

Victors

Fritzsche/Raddatz
Wednesday 6pm @ CEFC

IOW

Billington/Reuter
Friday 7pm @ CEFC

Joint Heirs

Smith/Olejnik
Tuesday 1pm @ Smiths

Crossroads

Difino/Schwenk
Wednesday 6pm @ Schwenks