

Ephesians 6:13-17

TAKE THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

1. The battle.

1. There are those who deny that the Christian is in a war.
2. The enemy is spiritual (not flesh and blood, 12) and thus the battle is spiritual.
 1. Devil (liar, deceiver) is the evil one who uses “wiles” (cunning tricks and deceit).
 2. His aim is our soul and the spiritual, not the physical and earthly.
 - The combat zone is found in the ordinary duties and relationships of life (4:1 - 6:9).
 - The battle is constant.
 - The only sufficient armor is that which God provides in the Lord Jesus (3:20; Phil. 4:13).
1. It is called “the armor of God.”
2. The armor is the fruit of the work of Jesus for us: truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation.
3. In sum, show that you appropriate the truth of salvation by obeying in thankfulness its every admonition.
 1. Be trained by His righteousness to submit yourself to His disciplinaries.
 2. God’s Word is your defense and your offense.
 - Your calling.

1. First, “take” (a command indicating urgency and necessity) the armor.
2. Thus we are “able to withstand” (13) and to “stand” (14).

1. When we are conscious of the protection given by the armor of God, we are able to resist the devil.
2. To “stand” and “withstand” is to be victorious.