The Armor of God - Ephesians 6:10-24

Topics

Armor, Bible, Blessing, Darkness, Encouragement, Evil, God, Holy Spirit, Power, Prayer, Satan, Strength

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Explore It Questions

| 4. | What did Paul say to exhort his audience? (6:10) |
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Get It Questions

| 16. | Why do you think Paul used the detailed description of a coman soldier's armor to explain spiritual warfare? | |
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| 17. | How would you describe the armor of God in your own words? | |
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| 18. | What is spiritual warfare? | |
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| 19. | How often are you engaged in spiritual warfare? | |
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| 20. | In what way is the Christian life like a battle? |
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| 21. | Why is the Christian life like a battlefield? |
| 22. | What pieces of armor are you missing? |
| 23. | How often do you pray in the Spirit? |
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| 24. | How often do you pray for other Christians? |
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| 25. | In what ways do you need peace, love, faith, and grace in your life right now? |
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| _ | ply It Questions How can you lean on the Holy Spirit's help in doing battle for the kingdom of God each day? |
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| 27. | How can you encourage another Christian in his or her spiritual battles? |
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Letter to the Ephesians

The Whole Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-24

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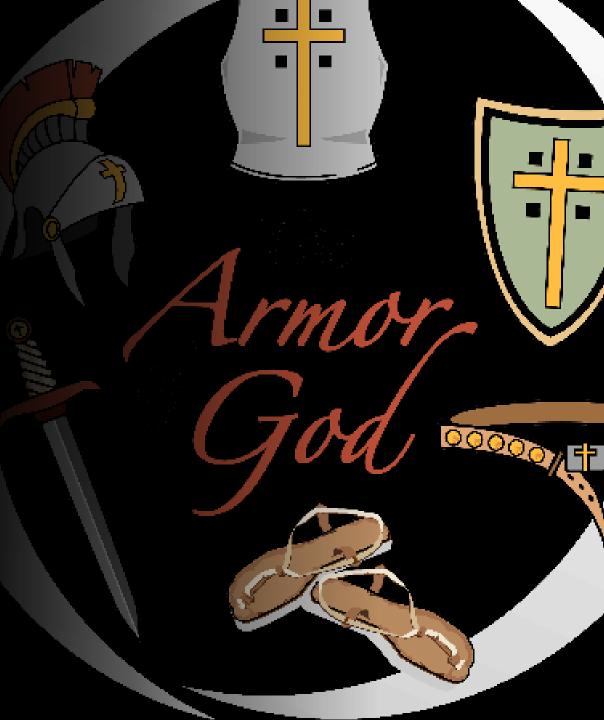
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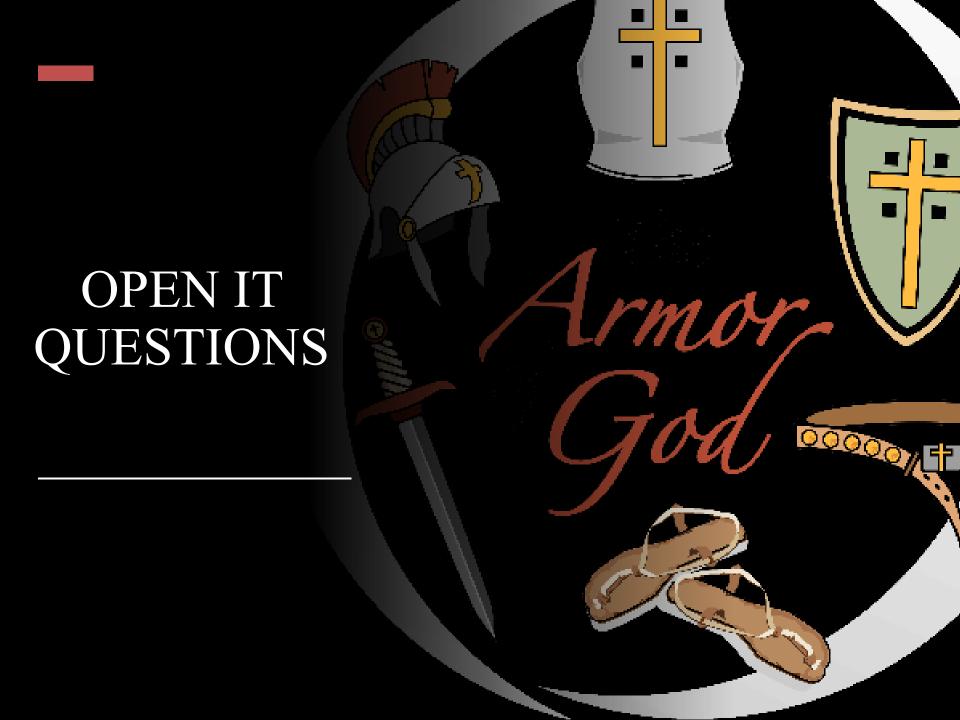
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The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:10-24 ~ Topics

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| □Blessing | □Power |
| □ Darkness | □ Prayer |
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The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:10-24 Open It Questions



1. How do you protect your home from danger?



The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:10-24 Open It Questions



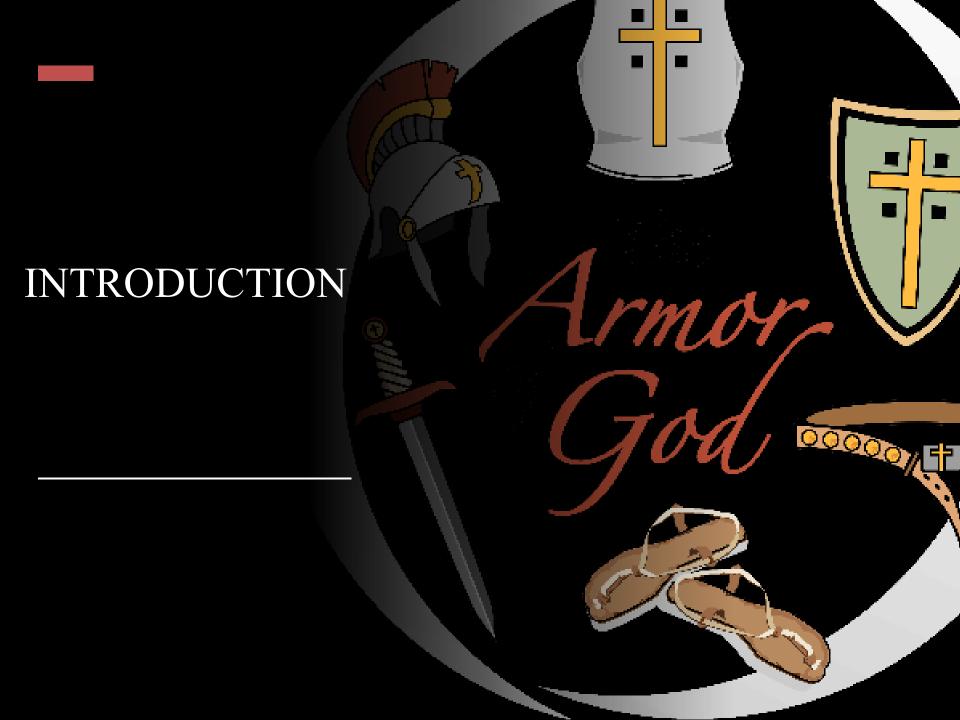
2. If you were a police officer, what extra precautions would you take to guard against danger?



The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:10-24 Open It Questions



3. Do you tend to be the trusting type, or are you suspicious of other people? Why?





- □ In this letter, Paul explained the need for unity in the body of believers; here he further explained the need for that unity—there will be inevitable clashes with evil, and the church must be ready to stand and fight.
- □ In the Christian life, we battle against rulers and authorities (the powerful evil forces of fallen angels headed by Satan, who is a vicious fighter, see 1 Peter 5:8).



"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8 NKJV).



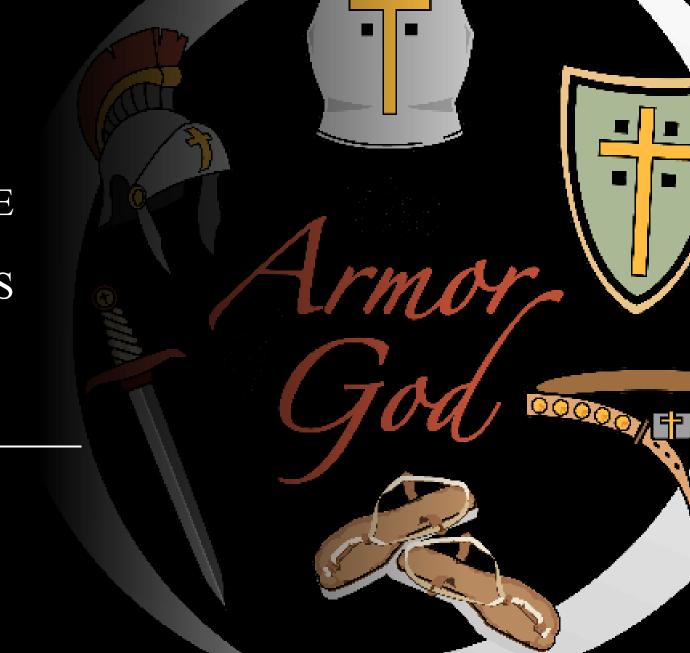
- ☐ To withstand their attacks, we must depend on God's strength and use every piece of his armor.
- □ Paul was not only giving this counsel to the church, the body of Christ, but to all individuals within the church.
- ☐ The whole body needs to be armed.



- As you battle against evil, fight in the strength of the church, whose power comes from the Holy Spirit.
- ☐ What can your church do to be a Christian armory?

SCRIPTURE EPHESIANS

6:10-24





- ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.
- ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.
- ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.
- 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.



¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.



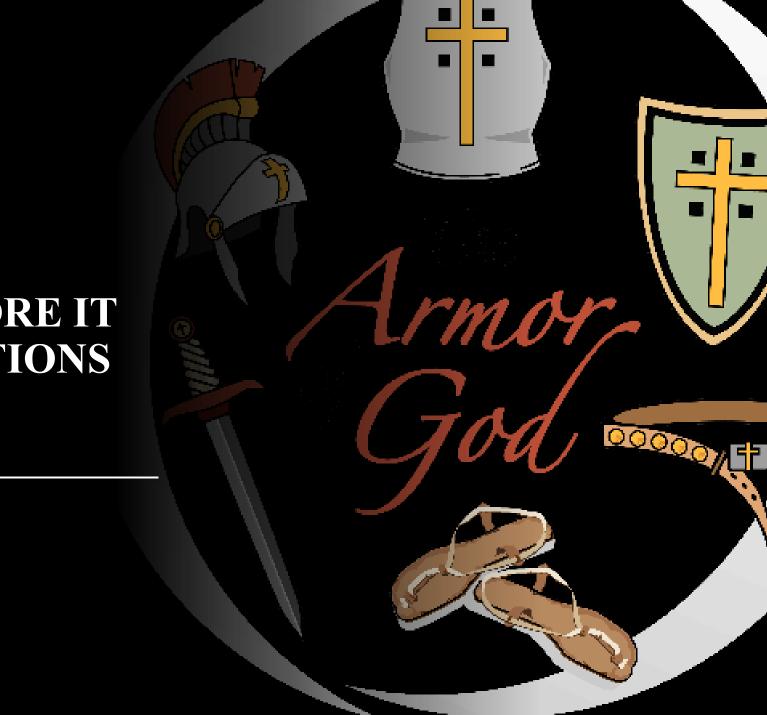
¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,

²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.



- ²¹ Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing.
- ²² I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you.
- ²³ Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ²⁴ Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.



EXPLORE IT QUESTIONS



The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:10 Paul Encourages His Audience



4. What did Paul say to exhort [encourage or spur on] his audience? (6:10)



The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:10 Paul Encourages His Audience



"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power" (6:10 NKJV).



The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:11 What Believers' are to Put On



5. What did Paul tell the believers to put on? (6:11)



The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:11 Believers' are to Put On



"Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes" (6:11 NKJV).



Purpose of Putting on God's Armor?

6. Why do Christians need to put on God's armor?

(6:11-12)



The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:11-12



¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (6:11-12 NKJV)



The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:13 Christian Expectations



7. What can Christians dressed in the full armor of God expect? (6:13)



The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:13 Christian Expectations



"Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand." (6:13 NKJV).







8. What mandate does God give all Christians? (6:14)



The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:14 God's Mandate to Christians



"Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,..." (6:14 NKJV).







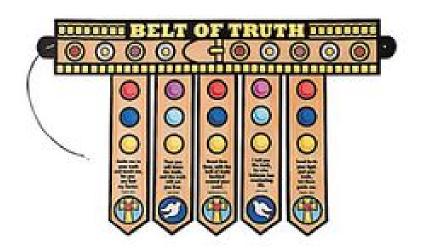
9. How should Christians be armed for battle? (6:14-17)



The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:14-17 Christians Armed for Battle



□Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, (6:14a NKJV)

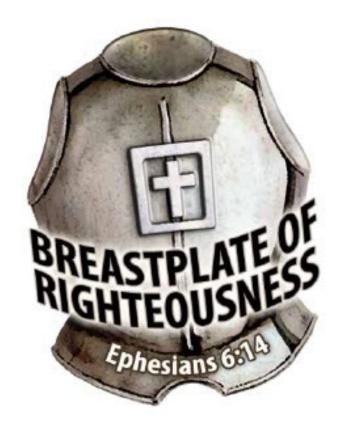


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"...having put on the breastplate of righteousness,..."(6:14b)







"...and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;..."

(6:15 NKJV)







u"...above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one **(6:16**) NKJV).







□ "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;..." (6:17 NKJV).







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10. What last two pieces of armor did Paul tell all Christians to take up? (6:18)





"praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—"

(6:18 AMP).





The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:19-20 Paul Asks for Prayer



11. Why did Paul ask theEphesians to pray for him?(6:19-20)



The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:19-20 Paul Asks for Prayer



"19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,

²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

(6:19-20 NKJV)





The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:21-24 Paul's Final Greetings



- □ Paul closed this letter to the Ephesians and the surrounding churches by sending greetings from Rome and the Christians there.
- ☐ The Roman Christians and the Ephesian Christians were brothers and sisters because of their unity in Christ.
- □Believers today are also linked to others across cultural, economic, and social barriers.
- □All believers are one family in Christ Jesus.



The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:21 Delivering Paul's Letter



12. Who took Paul's letter to the Christians at Ephesus? (6:21)



The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:21 Delivering Paul's Letter



"But that you also may know my affairs *and* how I am doing, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make all things known to you;" (6:21 NKJV).



The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:21-22 Tychicus Helps the Ephesians



13. How would Tychicus help the Ephesians? (6:21-22)



The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:21-22 Tychicus Helps the Ephesians



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(6:21-22 NKJV).



The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:21-22 Paul's Words are a Blessing



14. With what kind of words did Paul bless his audience? (6:23)



The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:23 Paul's Words are a Blessing



"Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

(6:23 NKJV).



The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6:24 Paul's Benediction



15. What did Paul say in benediction? (6:24)



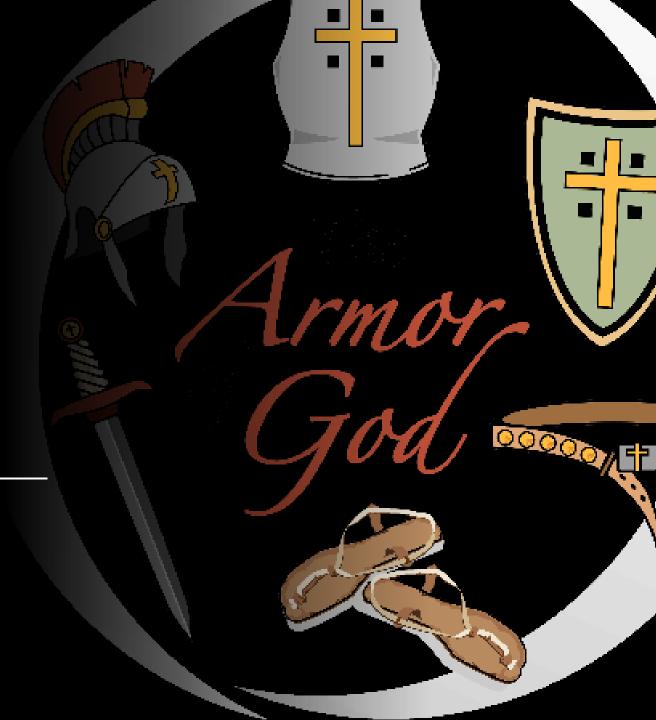
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²⁴ Grace *be* with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen (6:24 NKJV).

GET IT AND APPLY IT QUESTIONS #16-27

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