

The Call to Suit Up

Text: Ephesians 6:10-13

Context - Ephesians falls into two major divisions: Chapters 1 through 3 are doctrine, and chapters 4 through 6 have to do with duty. In this final section in chapter 6, Paul equips all Christians for spiritual warfare against the devil and his forces.

Main Idea - Put on the Armor of God.

Putting on the armor of God will arm you to...

1) _____ your walk (10)

- A. No human is strong enough to face these evil powers without a strengthening by God. The greek tense of this command indicates that a Christian is not to seek this strength once in a while but continuously.
- B. The verbiage of this command is also in a passive voice, meaning we are to be filled with power as one vessel is filled by another with oil. This describes a complete yieldedness to God by faith.

2) _____ against the schemes of the Devil (11)

- A. Paul warns of the "schemes" (v. 11) of Satan, which mean stratagems or specific plans directed toward each of us. In other words, Satan tailors his attacks to fit each person.
- B. "There are an infinity of angles at which one falls, only one at which one stands." - G.K. Chesterton
- C. 2 Corinthians 2:11 (ESV) so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

3) _____ against spiritual forces (12)

- A. Wrestle. A term used of hand-to-hand combat. Wrestling features trickery and deception, like Satan and his hosts when they attack. Coping with deceptive temptation requires truth and righteousness.
- B. These four designations are probably not distinct rankings of evil spirits, and any attempt to catalog or classify evil spirits is pure speculation. (Al Mohler, Grace and Truth Bible) Many believe these terms are all synonyms referring to demons.