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Ephesians 6:10-20 (NIV)

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.

- We are to be strong in God's power
- The armor must be complete
- The enemy is real and scheming against you
- The battle is spiritual and requires a spiritual solution
- We are all in this fight
- The armor is offensive as well as defensive

Truth Righteousness **Readiness** Faith Salvation The word Prayer



Isaiah 59:17 NIV

He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.

Hebrews 10:38 NIV

"But My righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back."

Faith is not only about what God does for you, it's also about what God does through you

17 Take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one

Take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish <u>all</u> the flaming arrows of the enemy

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV) Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

# Faith is not really interested in or limited by facts.

Romans 10:17 NIV

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.