

# Sermon Notes

## Full Armor - Eph 6:10-20

### February 21, 2021

#### I. Introduction

- a. enemy wants to steal, kill, destroy... time to prepare for a fight...  
John 10:10... "the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy..."  
1Tim 6:12... "fight the good fight of faith... confess... obtain life..."  
1Pet 1:13... "gird up loins of your mind... be alert... rest hope fully on grace..."

As a believer, you are incapable in your own strength and resources to resist satan. You must put on the full armor of God in order to be a conqueror. John Broger

- b. fight certain... not against people, against spiritual forces... don't be afraid...  
battle is not yours... complete in Christ with His power... pray...  
2Chron 20:15... "don't be afraid... battle is not yours, but God's..."  
Eph 6:12... "be strong in His mighty power... fight spiritual forces of evil..."  
Col 2:10... "complete in Him... head over every principality and power... He disarmed principalities and powers... triumphing over them at the cross..."

#### II. Full Armor

- a. when enemy comes to fight... you must put on armor... you must use weapons...  
God has supplied them... up to you to use them... not just part, but every piece...  
Eph 6:13... "put on every piece of God's armor... resist enemy... stand firm..."  
analambano... take up thing to use; take what is one's own; receive...  
anthistemi... withstand, resist, oppose; set against...  
histemi... keep its place; be kept intact; sustain authority, safety...
- b. what is every piece... full armor has seven pieces, not six... most Christians  
put on six... never even heard of 7<sup>th</sup> piece... walk out with a chink in their  
armor... *weak point that makes them vulnerable to attack*...  
Eph 6:13-18... "belt of truth... body armor of God's righteousness... shoes of  
Gospel of peace... shield of faith... helmet of salvation... sword of the Spirit, which  
is the Word... thru (by) praying in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion..."
- c. Belt of Truth  
can't fight with pants on ground... belt is starting point of fight... holds pants up...  
truth is our starting point... word is truth, Jesus is the Word...  
Psa 86:11... "teach me Your way, Lord, and I will live by Your truth..."  
Psa 119:160... "sum of your word is truth..."  
John 14:6... "I am the way, the truth, and the life..."  
John 17:17... "teach them Your word... which is truth..."  
Eph 4:21... "as the truth is in Jesus..."  
Col 1:5... "already heard about this hope in the word of truth... the Gospel..."

Truth is what God thinks; it is what God does; it is what God is; it is what God has revealed of Himself in the Bible. Truth is found in its fullest form in God, for He is truth; He is the very source and origin of all truth. Tim Challies

- d. Body Armor of God's Righteousness  
must protect heart and lungs... critical to life... not our armor... neither is it our righteousness that protects us... both belong to God...  
Psa 31:1... "I have come for protection... save me by Your righteousness..."  
Isa 64:4... "our righteousnesses are like filthy rags..."  
Rom 3:20-25... "righteousness of God is thru faith in Jesus... to all who believe..."  
Eph 6:14... "stand, therefore... with righteousness like armor on your chest..."  
Phil 3:9... "not having righteousness of my own... but thru faith in Jesus..."
- e. Shoes of the Gospel  
no outfit is complete without proper shoes... foundation of good fighter is in the feet (stance, balance)... foundation for our battle is the Gospel...  
Rom 1:16-17... "not ashamed of Gospel... THE power for *performing miracles*... for *deliverance, safety, rescue, to make well, heal, save*... to all who believe..."  
2Cor 4:4... "god of this age has blinded minds... keep from seeing gospel..."  
2Cor 10:3-5... "use God's weapons... to destroy false arguments... taking every *thought captive to the obedience of Christ*..."  
Gal 1... "amazed you are turning to different gospel... there is no other..."  
1Thess 1:5... "our gospel did not come to you in word only... but in power..."
- f. Shield of Faith  
protects us from flaming arrows (lies) of enemy... *did this, didn't do that... you're not good enough... God doesn't love you*... enemy takes you from grace to law...  
protection comes when you know you're justified by faith, not works...  
Exo 19... "touch mountain (law)... be shot with arrows and die..."  
Psa 91:4... "His faithfulness is a shield and buckler..."  
Eph 6:16... "shield of faith... stops fiery arrows of evil one..."  
poneros... full of labor, hardships; pressed and harassed by toils...  
Gal 2:16... "no one is justified by works of law... but by faith in Jesus..."  
Heb 12:18-29... "righteous made perfect... mediator of NC... His blood better..."
- g. Helmet of Salvation  
battle in mind... helmet protects it... don't take on and off... devil wants you to question salvation... knowing it is eternal protection soul from attacks...  
Psa 119:142... "Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness..."  
Dan 9:24... "Messiah will bring in everlasting righteousness..."  
John 10:28... "I give them eternal life... no one will snatch them out of My hand..."  
Heb 10:35-39... "have faith to the salvation of our soul..."
- h. Sword of Spirit  
armor protects... weapons fight back... last two pieces are your weapons...  
Prov 4:20-23... "My words are life... health to your whole body..."  
Matt 22:29... "your mistake is you don't know the power of Scripture..."  
Luke 4... "*it is written... it is written... is it written*... and the devil departed..."  
1Cor 1:18... "the word of the cross is the power of God..."  
1Thess 2:13... "the word of God works effectively in you who believe..."
- i. Praying in the Spirit  
full armor is not six, but seven pieces... doesn't work without 7<sup>th</sup> piece... how does this piece make the rest effective... explore over next two weeks... pray...  
Eph 6:18... "belt, body armor, shoes, shield, helmet, sword... thru (by/and) praying in the Spirit at all times and every occasion..."

When I disagree with God's Word... I just assume I'm wrong. Francis Chan

## You are Complete in Christ

Col 2:10... *you are complete in Him...*

When you look at yourself... what do you see? Be honest. Do you see someone who is imperfect and lacking in many areas... or someone who is **whole and complete in Christ**?

There are believers who see themselves as incomplete. This is because they are conscious of their lack and imperfections.

They say, *there are so many imperfect things about me, how can I be complete when I see so many things I am lacking in?* They see their weaknesses, feel guilt and shame, condemn themselves and most often, feel inferior to others.

The good news is that is not how God sees you!! God does not see things the way man sees them. Man sees the flesh... God sees the spirit. **He sees us already complete in Christ.** That's reality. In spite of our imperfections, He sees us as new creations, partakers of His divine nature and more than conquerors... despite our faults. And He wants us to see ourselves the way He sees us.

What we think we need... or are lacking in... whether it is godly character traits... or physical health... we already have in Christ.

God doesn't need to make you more patient or give you more wisdom. Jesus is your patience... Jesus is your wisdom. You are not waiting to receive more healing because Jesus is your complete healing at this very moment. You are not longing for peace and rest one day... because Jesus is your peace and rest today. Right now, **you have everything because you are complete in Christ!!**

You are not going to be complete in Christ some day... you are **already complete in Him.** Walk daily in that completeness by believing and confessing truth. Confess what Jesus is to you. He is your complete forgiveness, complete righteousness, complete favor, complete protection, complete everything!!

Don't focus on the lack you see in your life. Focus instead... on how in Christ... you are **complete in everything** at this very moment. And, instead of weakness, lack and defects... you will see strength, wholeness, soundness and completeness in you.

**Pastor Joseph Prince**

## Sermon Study

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1. Read **John 10:10** and **1Tim 6:12**. Do you really believe **faith is a fight**? How have you **experienced** that?
2. Read **Eph 6:13-18** carefully. **How many** pieces of armor are there? Did you know that before you hear this message?
3. Why is the **belt** of truth so important in a fight? **What is truth**? Read **Psa 86:11; 119:160... John 14:6; 17:17... Eph 4:21... Col 1:5**.
4. What is your **body armor**? Read **Psa 31:1... Rom 3:20-25... Eph 6:14**. Why is it so **important**? What does it protect?
5. Do you **often wear** the shoes of the Gospel? Explain. Read **Rom 1:16-17... 2Cor 4:4... Gal 1... 1Thess 1:5**.
6. How does the **devil attack** your faith and salvation with lies? Read **Exo 19... Eph 6:16... Gal 2:16... Dan 9:24... John 10:28**.
7. What are the **weapons** of this armor? Read **Eph 6:17-18**. Don't forget the 7<sup>th</sup> piece!! How do you **wield** them? Read **Prov 4:20-23... Matt 22:29... Luke 4... 1Cor 1:18... 1Thess 2:13**.

**Weapons of the world are not effective in spiritual warfare. We need something that is *divinely powerful* according to 2Cor 10:4. It's the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Since satan is the *father of lies*, we combat his deception with truth. What is truth? Jesus said in John 17:17, *your word is truth*. Let me be very clear... our primary weapon in spiritual warfare is the Bible. Randy Smith**