

The Armored Christian vs. The Unarmored Christian

Jesus Christ is Victor! He has delivered us from “the domain of darkness” and the deception of sin and the fear of death. Yet while we are in this world, waiting for our bridegroom, we find ourselves in conflict with the flesh, the world and the enemy. For this conflict with the powers of darkness, the believer must learn how to take and use the armor detailed in Ephesians 6 so that he can: “stand in the evil day; stand against the powers of darkness; and be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Just as God taught the children of Israel to collect manna every morning while they were journeying to the promised land, we must prepare for each day by personal worship, prayer and interaction with the living Word of God.

Here is a quick contrast between the armored and unarmored believer:

Armored with truth	Open to lies, through ignorance
Righteousness of life	Unrighteousness through ignorance
Making and keeping peace	Divisions and quarrels
Self-preservation* and control	Reckless unwatchfulness
Faith as a shield	Doubt and unbelief
Scriptures in the hand	Relying on reason and not God’s word
Prayer without ceasing	Relying on work without prayer

*root meaning of the word “salvation” in Eph 6:17

We have good reason to be spiritually aggressive and proactive as we go through life. Meditating and memorizing God’s word is not optional if we are to enjoy the victory Christ accomplished for us and grow in loving God. While we focus on God, we can learn about our enemy and his wiles and take back what he has stolen.

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