

The background of the slide is a detailed, high-contrast image of ornate metalwork, possibly from a historical armor or decorative plate. It features intricate scrollwork, floral patterns, and a central circular emblem containing a stylized eye. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures and relief of the metal. In the top-left corner, there is a small, solid orange horizontal bar.

Guard your Heart!

The Armor of God
Ephesians 6:10-18



Opening Question:

Have you ever been in a situation when you were totally **caught unprepared** or **under dressed**?

How did it make you feel?



Sports gear







Conflicts and War



Spiritual Forces

EVERYTHING IS SPIRITUAL!

EVERY CONFLICT WE WILL FACE IN
LIFE IS A **SPIRITUAL BATTLE!**



Spiritual Forces

We are SPIRITUAL BEINGS

Will you grow spiritually or **die**?



Ephesians 6:10-18

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**.



Ephesians 6:10-18

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.



Roadmap

Why do we need the Armor of God?

I. What is the Armor of God?

II. The Power of the Heart

I. Righteousness, Reputation, and **Character**

III. Three Schemes of Satan

IV. Conclusion: Be Strong in the LORD!



THE IMAGE OF ONE CLAD IN WHOLE ARMOR



The Armor of God

1. Belt of Truth
2. Breastplate of Righteousness
3. Shoes of the Gospel of Peace
4. Shield of Faith
5. Helmet of Salvation
6. Sword of the Spirit



THE IMAGE OF ONE CLAD IN WHOLE ARMOR



The Armor of God

The armor is **Knowledge** and **Heart** Based!

- In battle, there is **No Neutral Ground!** Either we are defeated by the Devil or we are Resisting Him (1 Peter 5:9)
- The Armor is **closely tied to our relationship with God**



Understanding your Relationship

What would **your friends** say about your relationship with God?

What would **your pastor** say about your walk with God?

What would God say about your walk with God?



Understanding your Relationship

The most important opinion is
what God thinks about you!

Start to evaluate your heart
through Him!



The Power of the Heart

In the armor of a Roman soldier, the helmet and breastplate served as **protection** for some of the most important parts of the body.

Underneath the breastplate is the heart, lungs and other organs **necessary for life.**

The Breastplate Protects the Heart which is the source of life for us.



The Power of the Heart

- **Matthew 6:21** For where your treasure is, there your **heart** will be also.
- **Proverbs 4:23** Above all else, guard your **heart**, for everything you do flows from it.
- **Jeremiah 17:9** The **heart** is **deceitful** above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?.



The Power of the Heart

1 Samuel 16:7

⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. **People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.**”



Righteousness Reputation Character

Righteousness

Reputation

Character



Righteousness Reputation Character

Righteousness To be **right** with God. Can only be achieved through faith in Christ sacrifice and His salvation.

Reputation is **how others see you** and how you influence them.

Character is how you conduct yourself when you **are alone** and before God!

Righteousness
Reputation Character

Be more concerned with **your character** than your reputation, because your character is **what you really are**, while your reputation is **merely what others think you are.**

- John Wooden





Revelations 3:1-6

I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ² Wake up!

Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. ³ **Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent.** But if you do not **wake up**, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.



Revelations 3:1-6

God tells the church to:

- **WAKE UP** → Recognize the only person who matters is God. Do not be content with your works.
- **HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND DO IT** → Do not just read scripture and then disobey him.
- **REPENT** → Confess any sins and wrongdoings in your life and make huge efforts tonight to change from your ways.



Three Schemes of Satan

I. Satan has Power in this World

- Revelations 12:9-10 → He is the deceiver... “the ruler of this world” ... and the God of this age” (John 12:31, 2 Corinthians 4:4)
- 2 Corinthians 4:4 → “The God of this Age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ.”



Three Schemes of Satan

II. Satan Tempts People to Sin and to Kill

- 1 Peter 5:8 → ⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil **prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.**
- John 8:44 → **“He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”**



Three Schemes of Satan

III. Satan fights against the plans of Missionaries and Christians

- Satan **hates evangelism and discipleship**. He will throw every obstacle he can in the way of people to hear about the Gospel
- 1 Thessalonians 2:17-18 → “we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire, to see you face to face; because we wanted to come to you... **but Satan hindered us**”





Three Schemes of Satan

Satan will not Win

1 John 3:8 → “The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the Devil’s work”

Hebrews 2:14 → Christ took on human nature that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil

Colossians 2:15 → God disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in Him.

His distractions and schemes are **only temporary. God has the ultimate victory... in the future AND NOW!!**



Conclusion: Be STRONG! 2

Timothy 2

You then, my son, **be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus....** ³ **Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.** ⁴ **No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.**



Conclusion: God's Ultimate Victory

Revelation 21

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now **among the people, and he will dwell with them.** They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ **‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain,** for the old order of things has passed away.”



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⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “**I am making everything new... It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.** To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and **I will be their God and they will be my children.**”

⁸ But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”