

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5

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Singing: 71:1, 4, 5 – 247:1-3, 6 – 406: 3 – 5 – 451:7-8

Brethren, God gave you His best spiritual weapons to use!

I. It is important you put on *all* the pieces of God's armor He gives you

A. The ***whole*** armour is the *complete set* outlines in Eph. 6:14-17

B. The whole armour ***of God*** is the one He designed and provided: *none else!*

C. Be encouraged even though the battle is hard and ongoing (vs. 10, 13)

1. Compare: *James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:9; Rom. 8:37-39; Eph. 6:13*

II. Realize God does not call you to fight to build His kingdom but to defend it

A. God's first call to His people: Matt. 5:13-16; 28:19-20 (Phil. 2:15-16)

B. God's additional call: *stand for the Gospel when resisted* (Eph. 6:10-15)

III. He calls you to daily put on each piece of the armor of God

A. The loin-girdle of truth

B. The breastplate of righteousness

C. The Shoes

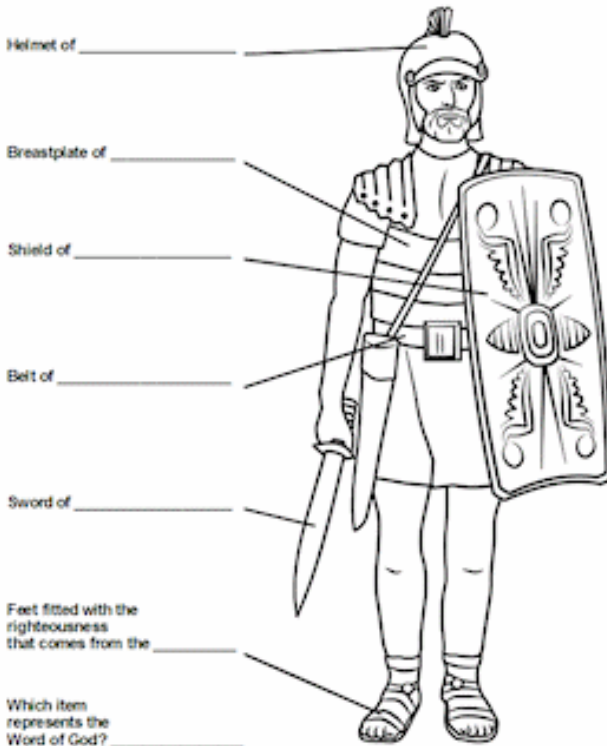
D. The Shield of faith & sword of Word

E. Helmet

F. The Soldier's secret strength

PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

Color the Roman soldier, then read Ephesians 6:10-17 to fill in the blank spaces.



For our children:

As you Listen:

1. Fill in the blanks as you listen.
2. Why does God want Christians to put on God's amour?
3. Did Jesus also wear this armour of God?
4. What is wrong with the shield on this picture?

5. Which important part of the Christian's weapon is missing in this picture?

Thinking further:

6. Why would memorizing lots of Scripture be great wisdom?
7. What must you do to become a Christian soldier? If you don't know, discuss this with your parents.
8. If you are a Christian soldier, how will you show that this week in your home, in your classroom, on the playground, and in your private time with God?
9. Read and meditate on Jesus meeting Satan in Matt. 4:1-11. What can we learn from Jesus' use of the spiritual armour of God?