

Daily verses on the Armour of God

Ephesians 6:10-18; 2 Corinthians 6:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:8

Be strong in the Lord

Ephesians 6:10 'Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.'

Our strength is in Christ and not in ourselves.
He is both our armour and our strength.
His word works in us so we can be unshakeable in our faith
and stand firm in difficult times.
His righteousness covers us because we trust in His work and not our own.
His life dwells in us so the power of His love can work through us.

Our armour is Christ

Ephesians 6:11 'Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the deceitful schemes of the devil.'

The armour of God is able to keep us from falling.
The devil seeks ways to lead us away from Christ.
He searches for areas of weakness in our life;
and sets traps to draw us into sin.
Our armour is Christ.
His word will keep us from being deceived;
and His righteousness will keep us from sin.

The Christian life is a spiritual warfare.

Ephesians 6:12 'For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers,'

The Christian life is a spiritual warfare.
We have an enemy; a kingdom that wars against us.
It cannot be overcome by earthly means.
It is Christ who has overcome for us.
He is the rock on which we stand;
our shelter in which we hide;
our help upon whom we trust.
In Him we are secure.

Standing steadfast in Christ.

Ephesians 6:13 'Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God,'

We need all the armour of God.

We cannot live a victorious Christian life in a casual manner.

We must be firmly rooted in Christ.

Our strength, our ability, our knowledge, will never keep us.

The devil runs from us when we resist him by standing firm in our faith.

Sin is overcome when we walk in the freedom of new life.

It is on Christ alone we stand.

His word; His power; His righteousness

2 Corinthians 6:7 'By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,'

All who desire to serve Christ must put on His word as a belt.

It will hold together every other piece of Christian armour.

When His word is the centre of our life;

His power will fill us with His love;

and His righteousness will cover us; sanctifying us;

so our life represents the Lord.

The belt of truth.

Ephesians 6:14 'Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth,'

Truth is more than doctrine.

Jesus Christ is the truth.

We put on truth as a belt when Christ is our life,

and His word is in our heart and mind.

It is to trust fully in what Christ has done for us;

to walk in the new life He gives;

to obey His word;

and follow Him.

Christ is our righteousness.

Ephesians 6:14 '...and having on the breastplate of righteousness,'

We must put on righteousness; we cannot achieve it.

Christ is our righteousness.

The righteousness of Christ is put to our account when we trust in His work for us.

We grow in righteousness as we grow in Christ.

We live a righteous life as we walk in the Spirit.

Love, joy and peace will fill us;
the promises of God will keep us;
and we will see answered prayer.

Christian armour needs right footwear.

Ephesians 6:15 'And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;'

Christian armour needs right footwear.
Faith in Christ alone keeps our feet secure.
We stand firm in the faith by trusting Christ alone for salvation;
He has done all for us.
When we know who we are in Christ,
we will stand secure in His care;
become unshakeable in our faith;
immovable in our purpose;
and be fruitful in serving Him.

Faith in Christ and His word.

Ephesians 6:16 'Above all, taking the shield of faith...'

The attacks of the enemy come in different ways.
It may be words spoken against us;
thoughts that produce fear;
situations that appear impossible to overcome;
persecutions that seem too hard to bear;
trials that seek to destroy our joy.
The shield we take up is faith in Christ and His word.
He is able to make a way where there is no way;
He will lead us in the right way.

Faith and love and the hope of salvation

1 Thessalonians 5:8 'But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation.'

Faith works; love toils; hope remains steadfast.
A living faith is seen by our love for scripture; righteousness; and fellowship.
Love for Christ is evident when we do His will; walk in His ways; and care for one another.
A living hope trusts in the promises of God.
It remains steadfast even in difficult times.
Faith relies upon the work of Christ;
and love is the outworking of the life of Christ in us.
The hope of salvation will enable the His strength to work in us and through us.

Covering the mind.

Ephesians 6:17 'And take the helmet of salvation,'

The helmet of salvation is able to cover our mind.
The enemy brings doubt to weaken our faith;
fear to make us turn back;
and brings discouragement by making our way seem hopeless.
We can never be defeated if we delight in His word;
stand on His promises;
rely upon His strength;
rejoice in His love;
rest in His care;
and trust in His leading.

The sword of the Spirit is taken from the belt of truth.

Ephesians 6:17 '...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God'.

The sword of a Roman soldier was attached to his belt.
The sword of the Spirit is taken from the belt of truth.
When the word of God is in our heart
then the Holy Spirit is able to make His word a mighty weapon in our life.
The Holy Spirit will bring to our aid a specific word
that will equip us; lead us; and make us victorious in every situation.

Prayer in the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 6:18 'Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit,'

The Holy Spirit is our Helper in prayer.
Effective prayer stands firm on the promises of God;
is moved by the love of Christ;
and led by the Holy Spirit.
The word of God is our authority;
the love of Christ is our passion;
and the Holy Spirit is our power.

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