Soldiers of Christ

Clint Crosier · Ephesians 6:10–17

INTRODUCTION

- We have an enemy who's out there trying to get us.
- We have to be armed, we have to be trained, we have to be ready for those things that are to come upon us.

1 Gird Your Loins With Truth

Colossians 1:3–5; John 18:37; John 14:6

- As soldiers of Christ, the first thing that we have to put on, the first thing that's the foundation for everything else we're going to build upon is truth.
- You heard the word of truth, which is the gospel.
- Jesus said, I am the truth. No one comes to the Father but through me.
- If we can't first gird ourselves, lay the foundation, build our lives upon the foundation, gird ourselves with the basic fact that Jesus Christ is the only way to God the Father, we have nothing else.

2 The Breastplate of Righteousness

1 Thessalonians 5:22; Matthew 5:14; Matthew 5:16

- So our breastplate of righteousness protects our soul through what? Through right living.
- Abstain from every form or every appearance or every degree of evil.
- If we see sin, run.
- When people look at you and look at your life, if they don't see something different about you, … Have you strapped on your breastplate of righteousness?

3 Feet Shod With the Gospel of Peace

Ephesians 6:15; Ephesians 4:14; Exodus 12:11

- Three times in four verses, God tells us to stand firm.
- We want to have our feet shod in such a way that we can stand firm and not be carried away by every wind of doctrine.
- We have to stand for the truth if we're going to be able to stand firm the way God tells us to do.
- Be ready at all times to give a defense for what we believe, and prepare to protect yourself against the wiles and deceits of the devil, using scripture that God has given us.

4 The Shield of Faith

Romans 10:17; Philippians 4:13; James 4:7

- A soldier was essentially defenseless without his shield. And brothers and sisters, we are defenseless without our faith.
- We have to make sure that our shields are strong enough to withstand the fiery missiles of the devil.
- Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ. We've got to get in the book, my friends.
- We have to all bring our shields of faith together. We have to wrap our shields of faith in a circle, pull them in behind that circle, and protect them while we nurse them back to health.

5 The Helmet of Salvation

- Just as the helmet protected the soldier's head, salvation protects us from anything that might be going on in our lives.
- Our God is able to deliver us, but if he chooses not, we will still not serve your gods.
- If we believe in our salvation, … we have a better life that has no pain and no suffering … There's nothing that we can't get through in this life.
- I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God, for he hath clothed me with garments of salvation.

6 The Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God

Ephesians 6:17; Matthew 4:1–11; James 4:7

- Take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.
- It is written, man shall not live on bread alone, but every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.
- Jesus protected himself and vanquished the devil using Scripture.
- Scripture holds all the answers for all the ways that we avoid the traps and the schemes of the devil.

THE CHALLENGE

God has drafted you, and it's a responsibility you cannot neglect. So work hard with me, my fellow brothers and sisters, as soldiers of Christ.

MY NOTES