

The Whole Armor of God

Ephesians 6:11-20 (re-read entirely at beginning of sermon)

- I. We, as the united body of Christ, must “stand” against evil.
 - A. “...that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, stand.”
- II. What is the “Armor of God”?
 - A. “Gird your loins with truth”
 - 1. Christian morality and ethics.
 - a. Why “loins”? – PURITY.
 - 2. Elaborate on ethics and purity as expressed in the Gospel.
 - B. “Breastplate of righteousness”
 - 1. Righteousness = taking responsibility for wrong = concern and action for others.
 - C. “Equipment of the Gospel of peace”
 - 1. Word for peace between all men – brotherhood
 - a. Break all barriers of race, culture, even religion
 - D. “Shield of faith”
 - 1. Faith makes one strong against trials, challenges, and suffering; it is our shield.
 - E. “Helmet of salvation”
 - 1. We are protected by knowing that we are saved in Christ, that no matter how difficult our situation, if we live for God and others we will be resurrected to God and Christ
 - F. “The sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God”
 - 1. To cut through the evil of this world and create God’s goodness.
- III. A united body of Christ wearing the “armor of God” will be able to “bodily proclaim the mystery of the Gospel” to the world, especially to the U.S.
 - A. What is that “mystery of God”?
 - 1. The love of God is Christ.
 - B. Our practical battle at the beginning is:

1. To put on the armor of God as a united body of Christ in America and show this love.

- a. (Elaborate on NCCSA or IOWC)

IV. Conclusion

- A. "Pray at all times in the spirit, with all prayer and supplication."