

## WEEK 1—INTRO ARMOR OF GOD

*[Eph 6:10-18 ESV] 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints...*

*[2Co 2:11 ESV] 11 so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.*

*[2Co 2:11 KJV] 11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.*

*[2Co 11:14 NLT] 14 But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.*

*[Rev 12:9 KJV] 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

- **Great dragon, Old Serpent, Devil (slanderer or accuser), Satan (adversary)**

*[1Pe 5:8 KJV] 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

- **Accuser of the brethren—Revelation 12:10**
- **Apollyon (destroyer)—Revelation 9:11**
- **Belial (worthless, lawless)—2 Corinthians 6:15**
- **The evil one—John 17:15**
- **Beelzebub (lord of the flies, prince or ruler of demons)—Mark 3:22**

*[Jhn 8:44 ESV] 44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

***[Eze 28:12-14 ESV] 12 "Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord GOD: "You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty....***

- Verse 13....You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle...(Exodus 28:15-20 and Revelation 21:18-21)***
- Verse 13 continued....and crafted in gold were your settings(timbrel, tambourine) and your engravings(pipes)...On the day that you were created they were prepared.***
- Verse 14....You were the anointed guardian cherub; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.***

***[Eze 28:15 ESV] 15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you.***

***[Jhn 12:31 KJV] 31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.***

***[Jhn 14:30 KJV] 30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.***

***[Jhn 16:11 KJV] 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.***

***[1Jo 5:19 ESV] 19 We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.***

***[Jhn 8:44 ESV] ...He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.***

***[1Pe 5:8 ESV] 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.***

***[Job 1:7 ESV] 7 The LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it."***

***[Rev 12:10 ESV] 10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.***

***[Gen 3:1 ESV] 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"***

***[2Co 11:3 ESV] 3 But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.***

**Military deception (MILDEC) is an attempt by a military unit(devil) to gain an advantage during warfare by misleading adversary decision makers (us) into taking action or inaction that creates favorable conditions for the deceiving force(devil). This is usually achieved by creating or amplifying an artificial fog of war via psychological operations, information warfare, visual deception, or other methods. The term also applies to the experience of individual soldiers in battle: often cited is the pure confusion of direction, location, and perspective on a battlefield. Officers and soldiers become separated, orders become confused and subject to revision with poor communication. Sounds and vision are limited from the perspective of the individual and may not be easily resolved, resulting in a continuing uncertainty, a perceptual "fog".**

***[Mat 24:4 KJV] 4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.***

***[Mat 24:5 KJV] 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.***

***[Mat 24:11 KJV] 11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.***

***[Mat 24:24 KJV] 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall deceive the very elect.***

***[Rev 12:9 KJV] 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.***

***[Rev 20:3, 7-8 KJV] 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. ... 7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom [is] as the sand of the sea.***

***[Job 12:16 KJV] 16 the deceived and the deceiver [are] his.***

***[Isa 14:16 ESV] 16 Those who see you will stare at you and ponder over you: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms?***

***[Col 2:15 NIV] 15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.***

***[2Co 2:14 ESV] 14 But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.***

***[1Co 2:8 ESV] 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.***

***[Heb 2:14 ESV] 14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,***

***[1Jo 3:8 ESV] ...The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.***

***[Col 1:13 ESV] 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,***

***[1Jo 4:4 ESV] 4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.***

***[2Th 3:3 ESV] 3 But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.***

***[Deu 20:4 ESV] 4 for the LORD your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.'***

***[Exo 15:3 ESV] 3 The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name.***

***[Psa 24:8-10 ESV] 8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! 9 Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. 10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory! Selah***

***[Rom 8:31-39 ESV] 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died--more than that, who was raised--who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

## **JESUS IS THE ARMOR!**

- *[Isa 59:16-17 KJV] 16 And he saw that [there was] no man, and wondered that [there was] no intercessor: therefore his own arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. 17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance [for] clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.*

## **JESUS is the belt of truth**

- *[Jhn 14:6 ESV] 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

## **JESUS is the breastplate of righteousness**

- *[1Jo 2:1 ESV] 1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*
- *[2Co 5:21 ESV] 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*
- *[Rom 3:22 ESV] 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.*
- *[Isa 59:17 ESV] 17 He put on righteousness as a breastplate...*

## **JESUS is the gospel of peace**

- *[Eph 2:14 ESV] 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility*

## **JESUS is our shield of faith**

- *[Gen 15:1 ESV] 1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."*
- *[1Jo 5:4 ESV] 4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith.*

## **JESUS is our helmet of salvation**

- *[Isa 59:17 ESV] 17 He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head...*
- *[Act 4:12 ESV] 12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

## **JESUS is the our sword-the Word of God**

- *[Jhn 1:1 ESV] 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*
- *[Jhn 1:14 ESV] 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*
- *[Deu 33:29 ESV] 29 Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, the shield of your help, and the sword of your triumph!*

*[Rom 13:12, 14 ESV] 12 The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ... 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

*[Gal 3:27 ESV] 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

*[1Th 5:8 ESV] 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.*

*Ephesians 6 again... Finally, **be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.** 11 **Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand** against the schemes of the devil...13 **Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand(resist)** in the evil day, and having done all, to **stand firm.** 14 **Stand therefore...***

*[Jas 4:7 ESV] 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist** the devil, and he will flee from you.*

*[1Pe 5:9 ESV] 9 **Resist him,** firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world*

*[Jhn 17:15 ESV] 15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.*

***“As pilgrims we walk, as witnesses we go, as contenders we run, but as fighters we stand.”***