

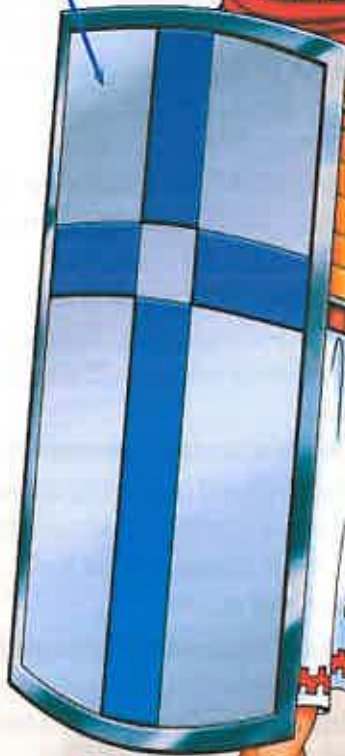
# THE ARMOR OF GOD

## EPHESIANS 6:10-18

... Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." v. 10, 11

### The Shield of Faith (Eph. 6:16)

Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises. Faith in God protects you when you are tempted to doubt.



### The Helmet of Salvation (Eph. 6:17)

Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again.

### The Breastplate of Righteousness (Eph. 6:14)

Righteousness is being honest, good, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people.

### The Belt of Truth (Eph. 6:14)

Truth keeps us from giving in to the world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and actions to the truth of the Word of God.

### The Sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17)

which is the Word of God. God's Word is our offensive weapon. When we tell others what the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their bad thoughts and actions, and makes them want to be forgiven.

### Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace (Eph. 6:15)

The Gospel of Peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said peacemakers were blessed.

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## ***You Are Good God (and I am not)***

“Why do bad things happen to good people?”

This has been a question that many have been attempting to answer for generation upon generation. The Bible gives us insight to what God says about this subject and when we look we find that God is very concerned about our goodness.



- Where are; The Good People? **Mathew 19:16-17** So He said to him, *“Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is God.”* By God’s standards we don’t look so good.

***Thank God that He is Good because we aren’t.***

- Who is; The Good God? **Psalm 136:1-26** *Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good!* God’s goodness has a good effect on us.

***Thank God that He is good and He affects us Good.***

- Was there ever; A The Good Man? **Genesis 1:26-31** *Then God said “Let us make man...” Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.* God made man good and man decided to be not good.

***Thank God that He put Good things in us.***

- Does God want us: To be Good? **Ephesian 2:10** *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ for good works which he has prepared beforehand.* God wants us to be good and has made ways for us to be so.

***Thank God that He makes ways for us to be Good.***

The Bible says that God loves you so much that He sent His Good Son so that He might save you from your lack of goodness. God is Good, be good to yourself by being Good to God.

**Many Good blessings to you and yours, Pastor Gene**

## ***The Whole Armor of God***

**Introduction:** The Bible tells us that Good has defeated evil. The Bible also teaches that though Satan has been defeated, he has not been disarmed and continues to wage war against God’s church in an attempt to discourage, confuse, and ultimately defeat believers. God knows this and He says that we are to be equipped for this age-old battle. Like all soldiers engaged in battle, victory can only be won when he or she is properly outfitted and equipped. **Ephesians 6:6-18** describes God’s armor and these verses instruct what each element is for as we are called to; Stand:

- The Truth of the Word of God **6:14** *Stand therefore; having girded your waist with truth...* God’s truth is foolishness to an unbelieving world but to believers it holds the keys to spiritual victory over our Lord’s enemies. .  
***God never lies and His word is true.***
- The Righteousness of your Position **6:14** *Stand therefore; having put on the breastplate of righteousness...* God’s breastplate is righteousness and by faith you have one.  
***Understand what righteousness is and how to put it on.***
- The Gospel as your Mission **6:15** *Stand therefore; having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace...* It’s easy to make an enemy. It’s harder to make a friend.  
***The gospel should excite you. Learn it so you can walk in it.***
- The reality of your Justification **6:16** *Stand therefore; above all, taking the shield of faith...* There will always be those who seek to discourage. God will always encourage. Your shield is your faith.  
***By faith you rose and by faith you will stand.***
- The assurance of your Salvation **6:17** *Stand therefore; And take the helmet of salvation...* A mind is a terrible thing to waist. Invest wisely when choosing what you allow into it. For freedom you were set free.  
***You were saved by Jesus... think on the things of God.***
- The Weapon of Warfare **6:17** *Stand therefore; and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.* The word of God is the only weapon you need and at the center of the word of God is Jesus at who’s name every knee will bow and every tongue confess as Lord of all.  
***To stand victoriously... stand on Jesus.***

Each of us is engaged in spiritual attack at one time and to one degree or another. The Whole Armor of God means that all of the elements a essential for spiritual battle. You can’t sit this one out. Wisdom dictates that you be prepared. Put on the WHOLE Armor of God believer. Victory is at hand.