

22) What does this peace have to do with our shoes?

Galatians 3:27 (GW) ²⁷ Clearly, all of you who were baptized in Christ's name have clothed yourselves with Christ.

23) How are we clothed with Christ?

24) What does this passage from Galatians have to do with our armor?

Ephesians 6:16 (GW) ¹⁶ In addition to all these, take the Christian faith as your shield. With it you can put out all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

25) What are the flaming arrows of the devil?

26) How does our faith defend us against these arrows?

Ephesians 6:17 (GW) ¹⁷ Also take salvation as your helmet and God's word as the sword that the Spirit supplies.

27) Why do you think salvation is our helmet?

28) What is our weapon to fight with? Why?

29) Based on this study, how can you fight the good fight?

Fight the Good Fight

Psalm 144:1-2 (GW) ¹ Thank the LORD, my rock, who trained my hands to fight and my fingers to do battle, ² my merciful one, my fortress, my stronghold, and my savior, my shield, the one in whom I take refuge, and the one who brings people under my authority.

1) How is God described in these verses?

2) Does anything surprise you about his description?

3) How does God train us to fight?

Our Weapons

Ephesians 6:10 (GW) ¹⁰ Finally, receive your power from the Lord and from his mighty strength.

4) Where does our power to fight this war come from?

5) How has God shown his might in the past?

Ephesians 6:11 (GW) ¹¹ Put on all the armor that God supplies. In this way you can take a stand against the devil's strategies.

6) Why does God give us armor?

Ephesians 6:12 (GW) ¹² This is not a wrestling match against a human opponent. We are wrestling with rulers, authorities, the powers who govern this world of darkness, and spiritual forces that control evil in the heavenly world.

7) How are our enemies described?

8) What does wrestling imply?

Ephesians 6:13 (GW) ¹³ For this reason, take up all the armor that God supplies. Then you will be able to take a stand during these evil days. Once you have overcome all obstacles, you will be able to stand your ground.

9) Why do we need all the armor?

10) Why do you think Paul repeats what was said in verse 11?

Ephesians 6:14 (GW) ¹⁴ So then, take your stand! Fasten truth around your waist like a belt. Put on God's approval as your breastplate.

11) Why do we need truth like a belt?

John 14:6 (GW) ⁶ Jesus answered him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one goes to the Father except through me.

12) How does Jesus describe himself?

13) What do you think this has to do with the belt in our armor?

14) Why should God's approval be our breastplate?

Romans 5:18-19 (GW) ¹⁸ Therefore, everyone was condemned through one failure, and everyone received God's life-giving approval through one verdict. ¹⁹ Clearly, through one person's disobedience humanity became sinful, and through one person's obedience humanity will receive God's approval.

15) Who is the one man that condemned us?

16) Who is the one man that brought us God's approval?

17) What does this have to do with our breastplate?

Ephesians 6:15 (GW) ¹⁵ Put on your shoes so that you are ready to spread the Good News that gives peace.

18) What does the Gospel/Good News have to do with peace?

19) Why are the shoes associated with the Good News/Peace?

John 14:27 (GW) ²⁷ "I'm leaving you peace. I'm giving you my peace. I don't give you the kind of peace that the world gives. So don't be troubled or cowardly.

20) Whose peace do we have?

21) Why do we need this peace?