

IT'S MORE THAN WHAT YOU SEE

EPHESIANS 6:11-18 | ERIC SIMPSON | JULY 5, 2020

- **Clarifying your enemy is important to winning the battle.**

Ephesians 6:11-12

¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

- **Spiritual battles require spiritual weapons.**

Ephesians 6:14-18

¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

- Belt of truth = exchange lies for truth
- Breastplate of righteousness = In Christ...keep doing right things, making wise choices
- Gospel of peace = boots with spikes to keep soldiers from slipping, help hold their ground
- Shield of faith = protection from the arrows of anger, lust, regret, greed, anxiety...etc.
- Helmet of salvation = awareness that the war has already been won
- Sword of the Spirit = Scripture, only offensive weapon listed
- Prayer = becoming fluent in a language that's reflective of the reality