

BECOMING A PEOPLE OF GRACE: AN EXPOSITION OF EPHESIANS

STRONG ARMOR FOR WEAK SHEEP

EPHESIANS 6:13–20



The Heart of the Matter

When we come to a passage such as Ephesians 6:13–20, our tendency is to think that we need to be strong in ourselves, that we need to get ourselves in shape for the battle. Wrong. We are actually mere sheep—we can't fight, we don't run very fast, and we don't come across as very menacing to our enemies. And it is precisely because we are sheep that God's armor is so important in our lives. He provides us access to His armor that we might have a chance of success in the battle against evil.



Discovering the Way

1. The Armor of God (Ephesians 6:13–17)

God's armor, which Paul described as six separate pieces—clothing of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shoes of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and sword of the Spirit—serves to protect us from the Devil's attacks.

2. The Christian's Battle Cry: Pray! (Ephesians 6:18–20)

With the battle raging all around, Paul advised the believers at Ephesus to trust in God through prayer.



Starting Your Journey

Because of God's gracious provision of armor, we can rely on Him to see us through the trials and temptations that come.



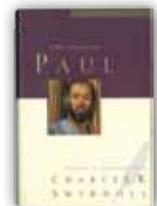
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