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#### THE NEED FOR THE ARMOR

- **The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Devil**  
Satan is strategic about destroying your soul. He is calculated and well-prepared to destroy you.
- **The \_\_\_\_\_ of Our Enemy**  
Scripture doesn't tell us everything we would like to know about Satan, but it tells us what we would like to know: Satan is real and to destroy us.
- **The \_\_\_\_\_ for Our Enemy**  
Satan is too powerful for us to overcome on our own, which is why we are told to be strong **in the Lord**.

#### THE DESCRIPTION OF THE ARMOR

- **The Belt of \_\_\_\_\_** – Tying up the rest of the armor and getting us ready for battle is the God's Truth. If we don't start with God's truth, we won't have any success in this fight.
- **The Breastplate of \_\_\_\_\_** – Living a practical life of righteousness, obeying God in any and every area will protect us from further assaults of Satan.
- **\_\_\_\_\_ Shoes** – Being grounded in what God has done for us through Christ will give us the confidence we need to live and battle for our God.
- **Shield of \_\_\_\_\_** – knowing what God has done for us is not enough; we have to believe it. Believing what God has done for us will help us say no to Satan's many lies.
- **Helmet of \_\_\_\_\_** – the hope of eternal life with God and the assurance we are right with him will give us the strength we need to keep growing with God.
- **The Sword of the \_\_\_\_\_** – God's Word is the only offensive weapon we have to respond to our menacing foe! When we fight back we fight with Scripture!

#### THE POWER BEHIND THE ARMOR

Paul concludes this section by reminding his audience of the importance of prayer in this battle. As John Piper has noted, "Prayer is a wartime walkie talkie for spiritual warfare, not a domestic intercom to increase the comforts of the saints." If we ever hope to have victory in this battle, we must arm ourselves with the gospel armor and pray fervently, in the Spirit, for ourselves and for others, believing God will answer!



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