

My Message Notes

August 9, 2026

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Salvation as Your Helmet

Equipped and Announcing Boldly
"Jesus is Lord"

Ephesians 6:10-17
Isaiah 11:5, 59:15b-21



Paul is a masterful teacher skilled in the use of metaphors for memorable messages in a murky world. Paul draws upon powerful imagery from Scripture he knows to be both very present to the eyes of God's people in Ephesus and strikingly familiar to their minds. Paul challenges the hearers of his letter to see deeply God's grace and appreciate a repositioning in battle against the enemy.

Discovering What the Bible Says: Ephesians 6:10-17

¹⁰ A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ **Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.** ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of **God's armor** so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. ¹⁴ Stand your ground, putting on the **belt of truth** and the **body armor of God's righteousness**. ¹⁵ For **shoes**, put on the **peace that comes from the Good News** so that you will be fully prepared. ¹⁶ In addition to all of these, hold up the **shield of faith** to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. ¹⁷ Put on **salvation as your helmet**, and take the **sword of the Spirit**, which is **the word of God**.

What We Learn

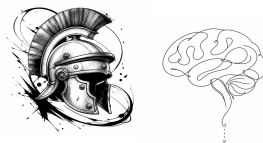
1. What do we learn about the character, nature and work of God?
2. **Exploring the way of Jesus** - What do we learn of Christ the Lord?
3. What do we learn about the enemy?
4. What do we learn of the Spirit?
5. What do we learn about ourselves?

Thinking, Feeling and Acting Wearing Salvation

Remembering Ephesians 1:1-23

We are **beloved** in the Beloved.

We are **redeemed** through Jesus' blood.



We are among **God's holy people** in Christ.

We **possess an inheritance and identity** in Christ.

We are **blessed** in Christ **with every spiritual blessing**.

We are **united with Christ** and **adopted as God's child** in Christ.

We are God's **masterpiece** (Ephesians 2:10). We have **direct access to God** through the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:18). **We can now approach God with boldness, freedom and confidence** (Ephesians 3:12).

Paul's Prayer for My Prayers

Ephesians 1:19-23

¹⁹ I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of **God's power for us who believe him**. This is the same mighty power ²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. ²¹ Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. ²² God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. ²³ And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

Ephesians 6:18

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. **Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.**

My Prayer of Response

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