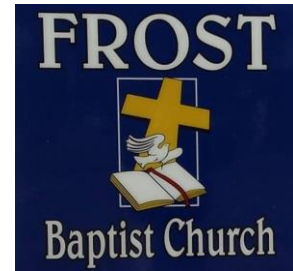


FROST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Preparation for Battle

Ephesians 6:10-20



The Whole Armor of God

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

<u>The Battle</u>	<u>Defense</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Know your enemyB. The battlefield is not earthly<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Spiritual2. Fought in the heavensC. Put on the whole armorD. Able to withstand in the evil day <p>“withstand” = resist</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Weapons and equipment to protect youB. Belt of truth<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Center connection for the uniform2. Center foundation on which we standC. Breastplate of righteousness<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Covers vital organs for survival2. Covers survival for eternityD. Shoes readiness of the gospel’s peace

<p><u>Offense</u></p> <p>A. Weapons and equipment used to advance</p> <p>B. Shield of faith</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NOT used to hide behind 2. Follow into battle <p>C. Helmet of salvation</p> <p>D. Sword of the Spirit (the Word of God)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Know the Word 2. Use the Word 	<p><u>Communication</u></p> <p>A. Pray continually</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When God reveals His will to us 2. Seeking the direction of God <p>B. In the Spirit</p> <p>C. Every prayer and request</p> <p>D. Intercession</p> <p>With direct access and communication with God.</p>
	<p><u>Live It Out</u></p> <p>A. Realize life is a spiritual issue</p> <p>B. Trust and use the weapons Christ has given</p> <p>C. Pray and seek God's will</p>

“ In Christ, God has given us everything we need to follow Him into battle.”

