



EPH. 6:10-20

“THE CHRISTIAN IN GOD’S ARMOR”

– PART 3 –

TAKING UP THE ARMOR

REVIEW

- **The goal of the Christian is to “stand” = to persevere in your faith.**
- **The enemy of the Christian is powerful.**
 - **Prince**
 - **Powerful**
 - **Rulers of darkness**
 - **Hosts of spiritual wickedness**

QUESTION: WHAT ARE SOME WRONG METHODS THAT ARE PREACHED FOR PERSEVERING?

- Keep doing good works ← yourself others
- Sacramentalism
- Envisioning / claim
- Volition
- "Praying through"
- Deep theology

1. Action
2. Volition - Will
3. Emotion - Heart
4. Intellect - Mind

**QUESTION: WHAT ARE SOME WRONG
MOTIVES THAT ARE PREACHED FOR
PERSEVERING?**

- lose salvation

- nothing

- lose earthly benefits
heavenly ↗

- Purgatory

- Loss of family
happiness | connections

- loss of Fellowship
with God

QUESTION: WHAT ARE SOME WRONG DOCTRINES THAT ARE PREACHED FOR PERSEVERING?

- Loss of rewards
- Loss of assurance

I. OUR METHOD: **"TAKE UP THE ARMOR" - (VS. 13)**

- **Literal uses (of Christ ascending to heaven):**

- Mark 16:19; Acts 1:2, 11, 22

- **"To take to yourself" -**

- Acts 7:43 - idols.

- Acts 20:13-14 - Paul taken on board ship

- **It is *personal***

- **It is *purposeful***

• Already provided

II. OUR MOTIVES

- "... that you may be able to withstand in the evil day; and having done all, to stand."
- Paul's instructions are *exclusive*
- Paul's instructions are *effective*

III. OUR DOCTRINE

- **Q: What is our normal practice when we are convicted of sin?**
- **God's armor: *The Missing Element??***
 - Truth
 - Righteousness
 - Gospel of peace
 - Faith
 - Salvation
 - Word of God

Christ

APPLICATIONS

- **Perseverance hinges on remembering the sufficiency of Christ. Q: *According to Ephesians 1-3, what do you have in Christ?***

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- **Perseverance requires a degree of assurance. (helical relationship)**