

## ARMORED CHRISTIANS

**Ephesians 6:10-20**

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Everyone is engaged in a spiritual battle,  
but God has equipped His people to win.

**Introduction: Joshua 1:9; Ephesians 6:10; 1  
Thessalonians 5:8**

### I. **Ephesian Christians face physical opposition to their faith.**

- The mob wasn't thinking of spiritual warfare when they came after Paul and his brethren.  
**Acts 19:29-30; Matthew 10:28**
- Paul's "armor of God" is presented in the specific context of the Ephesian letter.
- Together, Ephesian Christians were to stand firm in battle.  
**Ephesians 6:10-14**

### II. **We need all the armor we can get.**

- The belt of truth: Error sometimes *looks* like it will work better than truth.  
**Ephesians 5:6**
- Breastplate of righteousness: Be righteous and you will win the battle.  
**James 4:7**
- Shoes of the gospel: The gospel brings peace.
- Shield of faith: Weak, isolated faith makes vulnerable Christians.
- Helmet of salvation: Knowing that our salvation is by Christ gives confidence.  
**Ephesians 2:8-9**
- Sword of God's word: Needed for survival.

*Soldiers must be watchful (through prayer).*