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HAVING DONE ALL STAND

In Ephesians 6:11 it says, ***“Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”*** Note that it is God’s armor, not man’s armor. Each piece of armor is representing Jesus Christ.

We do not fight flesh and blood my friends. The battle is a spiritual battle. Satan may use people to try to influence or “get to you”, but it is not the person. It is the spirit in the person. How do we fight these kinds of fights? We do it with God’s armor. When we put on the whole armor of God, it says in verse 13 that we are able to withstand in the evil day and having done all to stand.

This armor is so important, because it keeps us protected from the wiles or tricks or cunning devices of Satan. God doesn’t want us to be ignorant, and like any Commander in Chief, he gives instructions to his “soldiers”, or troops.

The first thing that we do is gird our loins with truth. This is like a belt. It protects that area where we might get “sucker” punched. Satan is good at that. So, when these punches come, the belt of truth helps us ward off his attacks. Jesus is our truth. His word reveals all truth. His word of truth covers that area where we feel the punches.

Then we put on the breastplate of righteousness. It goes over our heart, or our inner man. Jesus gave us his righteousness when we were saved, but he is also our righteousness. We protect our heart with this breastplate. It wards off the darts that would penetrate deep into our spirit.

Then we put the shoes of peace on. This means wherever we go we take peace with us. Jesus gives us the peace that passes all understanding because he is our peace. There is an old quote that says “Know Jesus, Know peace. No Jesus, No peace.” When there is peace in our life because of having the Prince of Peace, we conquer the fear that would try to overtake us.

Then comes the shield of Faith. Hebrews tells us that without faith it is impossible to please God. This shield wards off the darts of doubt, fear, unbelief and keep them at bay. When these things come our way we lift up the shield of faith and they leave. Jesus gives us the faith because he is the faithful one.

Then there is the helmet of salvation. The mind is where most of the battle is. We put this helmet on so thoughts and words from Satan cannot penetrate. Jesus is our salvation, so when we put him into our thoughts it keeps our mind from having darts enter. Without the helmet of salvation Satan feeds our minds with doubt, fear and always tries to condemn us with our past failures. Jesus has forgiven us and keeps our mind free from these things.

The next thing is to pray always in the spirit, which means to pray in other tongues. When we pray in tongues our mind is not involved. It is the perfect prayer because our spirit is praying, and not our intellect.

When we wear God's armor, we stand against the enemy because we have literally put on Jesus who fights the fight for us. So, when we have done all, we stand with Him. When we do this, we can never fail!