# Ephesians 6:10-24 **Armor of God – Prayer Request - Conclusion**

Armor of God

- 10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness 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. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

# Prayer Request

18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints-- 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

# Sending Tychicus to you

21 But that you also may know my affairs and how I am doing, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make all things known to you; 22 whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our affairs, and that he may comfort your hearts.

### Salutation

23 Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen. NKJV

#### Facts Revealed:

Armor of God [Ephesians 6:10-17]

- \$\frac{1}{2}\$ God has provided all we need to stand in His power and strength.
- Paul compares God's provision to the armor of soldiers of his day.
- ♦ We need God's provision to enable us to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- Our warfare is not human but spiritual.
  - ♦ We are fighting against principalities and powers in Heavenly places.
  - ♦ The rulers of the darkness of this age are in Heavenly places.
  - ♦ There are spiritual hosts of wickedness in the Heavenly places.
    - ☐ Satan and all his hosts of demons are based in Heavenly places.
    - ☐ That is how Satan is able to be the accuser of the brethren continually before God. [Revelation 12:10]
- 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. [Ephesians 6:13-17]
  - ❖ Truth and Righteousness protect your vital parts.
  - **♦ Knowledge** and **understanding** of the **gospel of peace** prepare your feet to walk the right path and guard your way.

- **♦ Faith** is the shield against all the fiery darts of opposition the wicked one casts your way.
- ❖ Salvation (confidence in God's work through Jesus Christ) is the protection providing for the head and mind.
- **♦ The Word of God** (Bible) is the sword used by the Holy Spirit to overcome the enemy.
  - ☐ Jesus answered all the temptations the devil threw at Him with the words, "It is Written."
- \$\frac{1}{2}\$ By the Word of God and the Holy Spirit we have access to all these items of armor.
  - ♦ Learn to use them effectively by much practice.

### Prayer Request [Ephesians 6:18-20]

- While we are learning to effectively use the armor of God, Paul calls for us to be watchful and continually pray in the Spirit for all the Saints.
  - → Paul's personal request is that the Saints pray for him, that he may be given opportunity and words to speak and boldness to make known the mystery of the Gospel.
  - ♦ Paul views himself an ambassador in chains for the Gospel of Salvation.
  - ♦ Paul desired boldness to speak as he ought to speak.
  - ♦ Boldness is the primary prayer the Apostles and early Saints desired and were given. [Acts 4:24-31]
  - ♦ Boldness is the greatest need of the Church in the time of the end.

# Sending Tychicus to you [Ephesians 6:21-22]

Paul is sending Tychicus with the letter to the Ephesians that he might update the Ephesians concerning Paul and his ministry, so they will be knowledgeable about his affairs and that Tychicus may comfort their hearts concerning Paul and his associates.

### Salutation

- Paul signed off with Shalom (Peace) and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- P Blessing: Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.