The Community of Christ Part XI Eph. 6:10-20

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	0	o Breast plate of righteousness: In Christ, you are declared part of God's covenant		
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	0	Shod with gospel of peace: Take the goo		
	0	Shield of Faith: Trusting that God	all thin	gs to the good of them that
		love the Lord.		
	0		can now	befall us since we are now
		rescued in Christ.		
	0	Stand firm, stand strong, stand confider	nt in the armor	and
		by God!	(4=1 00)	
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- The Reality of Our <u>Demonic Adversary</u> (10-12)
 - Materialism is the claim that nothing exists except the sorts of things that can be analyzed by mature or completed science.
 - o For Paul, there is a real spiritual enemy.
 - Evil is personified in the satan (adversary), who is the agent of anti-<u>creation</u>, anti-<u>life</u> and which seeks to deface and <u>destroy</u> God's creation and His human image-bearing creatures.
 - Satan opposes the church precisely because it is the beginning of God's new creation.
- The Stability of Our Defensive Armory (13-17a)
 - We are called to be strong, resist evil, or stand firm five times in this passage.
 - o The word for "armor" refers to a <u>battle-ready</u> Roman soldier.
 - o Belt of Truth: You can be confident in the truth of God's Word.
 - o Breast plate of righteousness: In Christ, you are declared part of God's covenant family.
 - o Shod with gospel of peace: Take the good news that Jesus is Lord to the <u>nations</u>.
 - Shield of Faith: Trusting that God works all things to the good of them that love the Lord.
 - Helmet of salvation: No mortal <u>wound</u> can now befall us since we are now rescued in Christ.
 - Stand firm, stand strong, stand confident in the armor <u>furnished</u> and <u>forged</u> by God!
- The Urgency of Our Offensive Weaponry (17b-20)
 - Sword of the Spirit is the living and enduring <u>Word</u> of God. (1 Pet. 1:24-25; cf. Mt. 24:35; Heb. 4:12-13)
 - o God's Word is able to make us wise unto salvation (2 Tim. 3:15, cf. John 6:68; Rom. 10:9)
 - With all prayer, with all petition, pray at all times.
 - o 2 Cor. 10: 3-5: We fight spiritual war with spiritual weapons.