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Spiritual Warfare...

Eph. 6:10-18

Paul, in exhorting and instructing believers, uses the example that people could relate to since they were used to seeing soldiers dressed in armour. And while we know that righteousness isn't a physical breastplate, or salvation a helmet, he's telling us that having the understanding of (and living with that understanding as part of our daily lives) Christ's righteousness, and our minds renewed through salvation, and walking in the truth, speaking The Word, and living in faith...then we use that as our defense against the darts of the enemy.

I was jolted by a statement a Bible teacher made recently, he said that he didn't want to step on anyone's spiritual toes but he had known fellow Christians who daily prayed, as part of their morning devotional with The Lord, for The Lord to cover them with this armour (helmet of salvation, breastplate of righteousness, loins gird about with truth, feet shod with the message of The Gospel, shield of faith, sword of The Spirit, praying in the spirit) each and every day [I'm one who has done this many, many times]. He pointed out, and rightly so I believe, a Christian should NEVER put down their armour, that the enemy attacked at night just as in the day and we should never be without our armour. It made me stop and think...which was probably his purpose in sharing it. He pointed out how soldiers didn't remove their protection at night knowing that the enemy could attack at any given time and they'd be defenseless, so his question to those who daily did this was..."Why did you ever put it down? In order to have to daily ask for God to cover you with it implies that you must have removed it each night".

The teaching was sound and went into depth concerning Satan and his wiles, demons, and evil wickedness all around us in our society. The more I seek to be teachable and humble, the more I realize that HEF (and those of us following his teaching) didn't have the market cornered on spiritual truths; God reveals truth to all those hungering and seeking to follow Him with obedient hearts, including teachers and pastors within the very denominations many of us (me included) wrote off as a harlot system of men...I know for a fact that there are God fearing, humble, born again believers within that system.

Actually I think Satan uses this very thing as part of his attack against The Kingdom of God, dividing people through pride and self righteousness...

Amazing Grace..... that saved a mess like me.

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