

## Pushing Back the Darkness

### Withstand

#### Part 3

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#### Introduction

This pandemic is not just a natural battle, but it is spiritual battle as well. The earth is gripped in darkness, a darkness that is both immoral and evil. The enemy's battle plan has never changed, it has always been to lie, paralyze people with fear and to destroy their lives. The believer in Christ has been empowered and assigned to be the light of the world and to allow the glory of God to shine in people's hearts and every sphere of society. The believer in Christ, has been endowed with power and has been given ability to push back against the forces of darkness.

#### The Whole Armor of God

Ephesian 6:10-20

<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> 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*. <sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one....

<sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; <sup>18</sup> praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—<sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

#### Main Points

- 1) Battle stations - You are in an armed conflict – like it or not!
- 2) SUIT UP - Dress for success! Spiritual success and victory require the proper attire. The soldier in Christ has a specific attire for key parts of the body. Effective Weapons of War!

#### Actions

1. Put on the armour
2. Build alters of resistance in your home
3. Increase your praying in tongues
4. Put on Christ.