



“Don’t leave your first love!” (Revelation 2:4)

A Study of the Book of Ephesians

Lesson Twelve = THE ARMOR OF CHRIST (Ephesians 6:10-24)

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Introduction: For the past few months we have been studying the book of Ephesians. We have noticed the letter from Jesus to the church at Ephesus found in **Revelation 2:1-7**. In that letter, Jesus condemns the Ephesians because they left their first love. However, it is ironic that Paul wrote a letter to those brethren, several years before that condemnation by Christ, giving them a message that should have helped them to avoid that fate. If the Ephesian Christians had just listened to the apostle Paul they would have avoided condemnation. Paul tried to show several reasons why we should fall in love with Jesus. Specifically in our time together tonight we are going to consider the whole armor of Jesus Christ. We need to analyze each part of this armor. Let’s study together....

Discussion:

- I. The Armor of Christ Includes the Bold Promise (Ephesians 6:10-13)***
- II. The Armor of Christ Includes the Belt of Truth (Ephesians 6:14)***
- III. The Armor of Christ Includes the Breastplate of Righteousness (Ephesians 6:14)***
- IV. The Armor of Christ Includes the Boots of Peace (Ephesians 6:15)***
- V. The Armor of Christ Includes the Barricade of Faith (Ephesians 6:16)***
- VI. The Armor of Christ Includes the Beret of Salvation (Ephesians 6:17)***
- VII. The Armor of Christ Includes the Blade of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17)***
- VIII. The Armor of Christ Includes the Banner of the Lamb (Ephesians 6:18-24)***

Conclusion: As we close out this lesson, and this series on Ephesians, I want to remind you one last time of the purpose of this series: We should fall in love with Jesus. Jesus loves you! He loved you first. He will always love you! Please, accept Him as your Lord and Savior. Put away your life of sin to follow His great example. Choose to confess His precious name that saves. Decide to be covered by His precious blood. Walk in His glorious light. You can save yourself and maybe even those around you. Don’t be like the Ephesians who read this letter and ignored its message. **Revelation 2:1-7** tells us they did not see Jesus as their first love. The Lord deserves so much more than we give Him. His love for you is great! Don’t ever leave Him or you’ll regret it for an eternity. Come to Jesus!