GOD GIVES TOOLS FOR OUR PROTECTION

Printed Text: Ephesians 6:10 - 18

Bible Background: Acts 19; Ephesians 6:10 - 24; Revelation 2:1 - 7

Devotional Reading: Psalm 91

LESSON AIMS: the students will:

- LIST elements of the armor of God
- DISTINGUISH between offensive and defensive elements of that armor
- MAKE a plan to use one of those elements more effectively

INTRODUCTION: Satan is real and he consistently and continually opposes God's plan. We are reminded in 1 Peter:8 - 9, "8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world." God has given us what we need to resist those influences that are contrary to God. Paul exhorts us to "put on" the whole armor of God, and to "stand" against the enemy. Each day, one day at a time, one step at a time, God has given us what we need.

KEY VERSE:

LESSON:

¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Ephesians 6:13 / KJV

Empowered by God	Ephesians 6:10 - 12
Outfitted by God	verses 13 - 18

<u>SUMMARY</u>: God has given us the wherewithal to help us to stand against the evil powers of this world. We are to be strong in the Lord in the power of the Holy Spirit who overcomes the enemy. We are to put on the armor of God so that we are able to stand against the devil's strategies. Our mandate is to stand on the Word of God, to arm ourselves with that truth and with faith in God, we will prevail. Finally, pray - be in continuous conversation with our God. We are more than conquerors - - when we put on the whole armor of God and let Him lead.

QUESTIONS:

- 1. How would you interact with others differently if you paused to remember that Satan and his demons and not other people are the true enemy?
- 2. What are the key truths of the Gospel?
- 3. How does the Word of God function as more than a Bok to be studied? How is it a living and active part of your life?

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Mon., Nov. 21st	Remembrance and Repentance	Revelation 2:1 - 7
Tue., Nov. 22 nd	The Mystery of Christ	Ephesians 3:1 - 13
Wed., Nov. 23 rd	Build Up the Body of Christ	Ephesians 4:1 - 8, 11 - 16
Thurs., Nov. 24 th	Put On the New Self	Ephesians 4:17 - 27
Fri., Nov. 25 th	God is Our Refuge	Psalm 91
Sat., Nov. 26 ^h	God Rebuilds the Afflicted	Isaiah 54:6 - 17
Sun., Nov. 27 th	Strength in the Lord	Ephesians 6:10 - 24