

# S.O.H.L.

## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

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## It's time to fight! (Pt. 1)

**EPHESIANS 6:11-13 NKJV** – (11) Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (12) 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. (13) 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.

When Paul says in **Ephesians 6:11**, "Put on the full armor of God," he means exactly what he says—we are to put on every piece of that gear intentionally, meticulously, and consistently. When we step onto the battlefield unprotected, we make an easy target for the Enemy's attack.

When Paul wrote these words, he was in prison in Rome and, so, was probably chained to a Roman soldier twenty-four hours a day. When he mentions the armor of God and then goes in to greater detail about the armor in **Ephesians 6:14-17**, he had a first hand opportunity to study and understand the importance of armor. In **Ephesians 6:11** and **13**, he simply talks about the armor.

Notice first of all that he doesn't just tell us to obtain the armor. He doesn't tell us to obtain it because it has already been given to each one of us. Each Christian has a complete set of armor from God. **2 Peter 1:3** says that God has given us everything we need for life and godliness; notice that this is what Paul hints at here as well. The armor is not ours, but is God's. Paul calls it the armor of God. It belongs to God, was made by God, and comes from God. It is His, and He has given it to us. Put it on – it's time to **FIGHT!**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

PSALM 119:105

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"To silence the Voice of GOD is damnation in time!"