

Deacon's Beacons

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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 firm. Ephesians 6:13

This verse is a repetition of verse 11. But it is important to understand what is meant by the armor of God. The author (written in the name of Paul but most scholars doubt that it was written by Paul himself) lists those elements in verses 14 through 17. We have girding your loins in truth, wearing the breastplate of righteousness, feet shod for the Gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Word of God. He is portraying a preparation for battle in terms that the readers would understand. Faith is a battle against evil and the devil will use whatever he can to win. We must prepare ourselves to defend our faith and protect our souls. This is serious business.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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