

ARM YOURSELVES

I Peter 4:1-4

INTRO:

- A. Paul told Timothy (I Tim. 1) to wage a good warfare.
- B. This requires knowing who the enemy is and preparing by arming ourselves against him.
- C. Have you put on the whole armor of God?

I. THE PROBLEM

- A. We have any enemy. I Peter 5:8-9
- B. Rulers of darkness. Ephesians 6:11-12
- C. The world. I John 2:15-17
 - 1. They think it strange ... I Peter 4:3-4

II. THE NEED

- A. Arm ourselves. I Peter 4:1
 - 1. Follow Jesus' example. I Peter 2:20-23
- B. Be sober and pray. I Peter 4:7
- C. Hold to the word. Acts 20:32; Philippians 2:16
- D. Be strong in the Lord. Ephesians 6:10-11
 - 1. Strengthened through Christ. Philippians 4:13

III. THE ARMOR

- A. Truth & righteousness. Ephesians 6:14-15
- B. Shield of faith. Ephesians 6:16
- C. Helmet & sword. Ephesians 6:17
 - 1. Pulling down strongholds. 2 Cor. 10:4-5
 - 2. Sharp & powerful. Hebrews 4:12
- D. And prayer. Ephesians 6:18-19

CONCLUSION:

- A. In our quiet lives we seldom think of having an enemy, but we do and he wants to devour us.
- B. God has told us to arm ourselves, and has prepared the very best armor to both protect ourselves, and to fight against the devil.
- C. Have you put on the whole armor of God?