



## Bible Sunday 2022

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**Theme:** Heal, Restore and Life

**Scripture:** Ephesians 6:10-20 (NIV)

Armour of God metaphors of grace. Wear the armour daily as we are in a constant spiritual battle.

### 1. Defensive armour to restore

**Belt** Metaphor for truth which creates integrity and motivates to action

**Defence** against lies, fake news, half truths

**Breastplate** Metaphor for righteousness which is the outward expression of integrity

Living right, rooted in right thinking and right feeling / emotions

**Defence** against doubts whether we are right with God

**Feet** Metaphor to take the Gospel where it needs to be

Gospel of peace = reconciliation to all of humanity

**Defence** against giving up where there is opposition or rejection

**Shield** Metaphor for faith to protect us from Satan's enmity to give up

Metaphor for faith to protect us from Satan's opposition to thwart the will and purpose of God

**Defence** against giving up when we suffer, experience hardship

**Helmet** Metaphor for salvation. Mind is the “what” of faith and motivates our emotional response

The “what” of our faith is the Creeds

**Defence** against “mind games” people play when we suffer, meet opposition, prayers not answered

## 2. **Offensive armour to heal**

**Sword** Metaphor for Spirit’s inspiration of sharing the Gospel of peace

Reveal the essence of God’s purposes for humanity through stories and history

Two-edged sword = 2 cut to the heart of the matter that brings healing

**Defence** to neutralise the enemy

## 3. **Prayer is Life**

Believe in the defensive and offensive armour

Pray for yourself, the Lord’s people, preachers and bold preaching

Ask to wear it daily and be aware of God’s grace

Use armour to heal, restore and make life worthwhile