The Armor of God

I. The Enemy
   A. Ephesians 6:10-12 – Why do we put on the armor?
   B. Paul points to the schemes of the devil.
   C. We can see those schemes all around us.
   D. It seems the whole world is against us at times.

II. Take a Stand
   A. Ephesians 6:13 – We use the armor to stand.
   B. Paul uses the imagery of a Roman soldier who would have the best armor around.
   C. One important thing to notice is that there is no armor for you back.
   D. 1 Timothy 6:12 – Fight the good fight

III. The Armor
   A. Ephesians 6:14-17
   B. Defense – The armor is held together by the belt of truth. Our heart should be guided by righteousness and our feet readied by the gospel.
   C. Our shield is our faith. It our trust and belief in God that influences our courage and motivates our actions.
   D. Our minds are covered by the hope of what's to come.

IV. Offense
   A. The Sword we use as a weapon if God's Word.
   B. We follow Jesus' example from Matthew 4. The devil has no answer for the truth of God's Word.
   C. Ephesians 6:18 – Another weapon we have is prayer.
   D. These are the tools we have been given to be successful.

V. Conclusion
   A. Know the enemy.
   B. Take a stand.
   C. Use the armor to defend.
   D. Use the weapons you've been given.