

SERMON: *PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR, THE PANOPLY, OF GOD*
EPHESIANS 6:10-20

- I. PAUL, *THE AMBASSADOR TO ROME IN CHAINS*, WRITES TO THE CHRISTIANS AT EPHESUS ABOUT THE SPIRITUAL WARFARE IN WHICH HE HAS NOW BEEN ENGAGED FOR ABOUT 35 YEARS (C. 33-68 A.D.).
- II. BETWEEN THE YEARS 50-70 A.D. PAUL MINISTERS TO THE EPHESIANS
 - A. Arrives with Priscilla and Aquila (Acts 18:18)-52 A.D.
 - B. Lived in Ephesus for about 3 years (Acts 19:10)-55 A.D.
 - C. Paul's touching farewell to the Ephesians-(Acts 20:18-28)
 - D. Paul becomes a prisoner of Rome (Acts 28:31, 61 A.D., 63 A.D.)
 - E. Helped in Rome by Onesiphorus from Ephesus (2 Tim. 1:16-18); wants Timothy to come from Ephesus to Rome (2 Tim. 4:9) and sends Tychicus to Ephesus to help the Ephesians (2 Tim. 4:12)
 - F. Paul was beheaded by Nero (54-68)-date of Paul's death is uncertain
- III. INNER STRENGTH IN THE LORD (EPH. 6:10) TO STAND AGAINST THE SCHEMES (THE 'METHODOLOGIES') OF THE DEVIL (WHICH ARE?)
- IV. HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT WITH EVILS WE SCARCELY UNDERSTAND
(EPH. 6:12)
 - A. Not flesh and blood-despite appearances
 - B. Against spiritual wickedness and evil
- V. PUTTING ON THE PANOPLY OF GOD: THE BELT-THE BREASTPLATE-SHOES-THE SHIELD-THE HELMET -THE SWORD (EPH. 6:14-17)
- VI. PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT, ALERT AND PERSEVERING

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