

G. I.

“God Issued”

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INTRODUCTION

- A. THIS PAST WEEK: Memorial Day: or Remembrance of Dec. 7.
 - 1. The event that plunged our nation into WW II.
 - 2. All of us, in one way or another are familiar with military terms.
 - B. One With Which We Are All Familiar Is “G.I.”
 - 1. G.I. = Government Issued.
 - 2. When one becomes a soldier in the service of our country, every thing is G.I.
 - a. Clothes, shoes, etc.
 - b. Food, medical care,
 - c. And all military equipment.
 - C. Growth Of The Term G.I.
 - 1. Since everything soldier had and used was G.I.
 - 2. It was only natural that eventually the soldier himself was called “G.I.”
- ** Now what does all of this have to do with us and our study of the sixth Chapter of the Book of Ephesians?
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MILITARY TERMS

- A. Ephesians 6:10-20: (Our Text).
 - 1. Shows that Paul was familiar with military tactics.
 - 2. We have a place, an object; a goal - Stand....God will supply.
 - B. PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE.
 - 1. Three Times we are told to Stand....
 - 2. Means; Take our positions and defend them.
 - 3. God our Commander In Chief - Sets us for War.
 - C. God does not send us into battle without suppling us with everything we need.
 - 1. We have “G.I.” Material.
 - 2. That is: “**God Issued**”.
 - 3. When God told us how to live in this world....He provided us with every thing we will need. (We have our orders) Great Commission.)
 - 4. When He issued to us “The Great Commission” He provided us with all the necessary equipment “God Issued” that we will need to be successful.
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GOD ISSUED

- A. *"Having Girded Your Loins With Truth..."*
1. God has provided us with the truth....His word.
 2. When we know that for which we stand is truth or right
 3. How much easier this makes our responsibility.
- B. *"Having Put On The Breast Plate of Righteousness"*.
1. The breast plate....for our protection.
 2. Protected the heart.
 3. When we do the right thing for the right reason - Righteousness, the protection this gives us from the evil one.
 4. Protection from that which would harm our soul.
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FOR OUR DEFENSE

- A. *"Having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace."*
1. Means of movement... Transportation. God Gives....
 2. Did you ever think about how important it was to have good shoes.
 3. As someone has said, "if your feet hurt, you feel bad all over."
- B. *"Take up the shield of the faith."*
1. Purpose of a shield.
 2. To turn the weapons of the enemy.
 3. *"to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one."*
- C. *"And take the helmet of salvation.."*
1. Would complete the gear of the soldier of Paul's day.
 2. Protection for the head.
 3. With all that has been "G.I." God ProvidedONE thing is left...
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OUR WEAPON....

- A. MODERN DAY WEAPONS:
1. Been hearing much lately about "Smart Bombs."
 2. In fact all that our soldiers - "G.I's. Now have it is hard for us to comprehend.
 3. It is important...necessary... that our G.I's. Have the very best.
- B. *"And the Sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."*
1. God has provided us with the greatest weapon with which to deal with our enemies.
 2. *"For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword..."* (Heb. 4:12).
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CONCLUSION

- A. What If We Were Given The Command To Serve God - Defend His Cause...Preach The Gospel To The World...
1. But given NO equipment with which to work.
 2. If we had nothing that was “God Issued.”
 - a. Supplies
 - b. No helper
 - c. No reinforcements.
- B. GOD HAS ISSUED....Promised Us...
1. *“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Rom. 8:38-9).*
 2. “Be ye free from the love of money; content with such things as ye have: for himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee.” (Heb. 13:5).
- C. We Have The Assurance From The Beginning....GOD HAS NEVER FAILED HIS PEOPLE!
1. They may have failed HIM.
 2. But God was always there.
- D. VICTORY IN JESUS....
1. I Cor. 15:58.
 2. *“Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.” (Rom. 8:37).*
 3. The whole of the Book of Revelations.
- E. Are you using so much of that which God is issued that you are know as G.I. GOD ISSUED.