

The Armour of God

Orewa Baptist, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Do not dress yourselves in a way that you think will bring about victory. Instead, put on the full armor of God, so that Orewa Baptist can take its stand against the devil's schemes that create havoc, lawlessness, deception and turmoil.

For Orewa Baptist's struggle is not against flesh and blood so do not let the material world distract you from comprehending the fullness of reality which consists of the seen and unseen realms. Your struggle is really against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Therefore Orewa Baptist, do not live half-dressed lives. Do not neglect any part of the Lord's armour. Be sure to put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, together as God's people you all may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Stand firm Orewa Baptist! Wrap yourself in truth not veering to the left or right even when the truth is unpopular. Secure truth and buckle it around your waist.

Walk in righteousness before God and with your brothers and sisters. Righteousness must be in its designated place. Cover your feet with the gospel of peace. As you walk in the domain of darkness you carry the news that the God of heaven and earth reigns and that He is powerful and mighty to save!

In addition to all this Orewa Baptist, collectively take up the shield of faith which is God's gift to you. Get in rank and file. Stand side by side supporting those who are in seasons of weakness. Care and uphold one another and together your collective faith will extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Take the helmet of salvation and proclaim the reality of the Lord's salvation and raise the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Let the word dwell richly in you and among you. Use it as a defence to guard your corporate body and use it offensively to proclaim to the rulers, the authorities, and the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms that you are victorious in Christ.

Bind together in prayer by the power of the Spirit. Do this at all times, never stopping, day and night. Stay alert in the days ahead and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere for they are in the same battlefield as you.

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