

Get Your Gear On

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John 17:6-19

Maybe instead of a firm handshake and a box of tithing envelopes, we should give the new believer a helmet and body armor. There are some places in our world where simply being a Christian can get you killed. In even more places, a believer in Jesus Christ will be the subject of scorn, derision, and rejection. Sometimes, a Christ-follower is simply dismissed as a person sadly afflicted with a simple-minded faith not adequate for the demands of contemporary life, an object of pity, tolerated but never taken seriously.

Jesus knew it was going to happen. He had warned His disciples earlier. “‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also” (15:20).

That is why Jesus prays for us, interceding on our behalf. Instead of the world’s affirmation, we have the heavenly Father’s care, the full measure of Christ’s joy, protection against the evil one, and the sanctification by God’s Word of truth. Come to think of it, we already have the armor. We just need to put it on! (Ephesians 6:10-17).

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