Our Work as Soldiers and Ambassadors

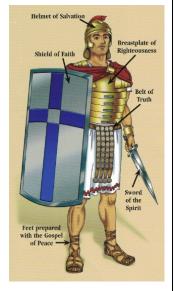
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After providing us the list of the armor of God in Ephesians 6:13-18, the Apostle Paul gives us these words, which are the basis of today's special study:

"That utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."—Ephesians 6:19,20

1) When a soldier is engaged in warfare, is he merely fighting to win a battle, or is there a greater cause which he serves?



2) What is the great cause which we are serving as soldiers of Christ? *Eph. 3:14-19; Phil. 2:15-18; Col. 1:9-13*

3) In the above verses, what did Paul mean by his desire to "open my mouth boldly," and to "speak boldly, as I ought to speak? How does this apply to us?

Jer. 1:6-9; Matt. 10:27; Luke 12:11,12; Acts 4:13; Acts 28:30,31

4) What is the "mystery of the gospel" which we are to make known? Matt. 4:23; Matt. 24:14; Luke 4:18; Eph. 1:9,10

5) How was Paul an "ambassador in bonds," and how might that apply to us, even if we are not literally in prison as he was?

2 Cor. 5:18-20; Phil. 1:7,12-14; 2 Tim. 2:9

6) The verses of our lesson tell us of the responsibility to speak and make known the Gospel as ambassadors. What connection(s) are there between this work and the wearing of the armor of God described in the previous verses?

I Cor. 9:26,27; I Tim. 6:11,12; I Pet. 2:11,12; I Pet. 3:13-16