

Rhetorical Function

10 Finally,

Command ① (ye) be strong in the Lord
And (be strong) in the strength of His might. //

Command Purpose Explanation

Command ② 11 Put on the full armor of God,
so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.
12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood,
but against the rulers,
against the powers,
against the world forces of this darkness,
against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Command Purpose

13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God,
so that you will be able
to resist in the evil day, and having done everything,
to stand firm.

Command Metaphor

Command ③ 14 Stand firm therefore,
HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH,
and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,
15 and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE;
16 in addition to all,
taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.
17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION,
and the sword of the Spirit,
which is the word of God.

Explanation

Command ④ 18 With all prayer and petition
pray at all times in the Spirit,
and with this in view,

Command be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

Command Purpose

19 and pray on my behalf,
that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth,
to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,
20 for which I am an ambassador in chains;
that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.