

THE ARMOR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:10-18
"...the strong in the Lord and in the mighty power of the Lord Jesus Christ... Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." - Eph. 6:10-11

The Shield of Faith (Eph. 6:16)
 Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises. Faith in God protects you when you are tempted to doubt.

The Helmet of Salvation (Eph. 6:17)
 Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again.

The Breastplate of Righteousness (Eph. 6:14)
 Righteousness is being honest, good, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people.

The Belt of Truth (Eph. 6:14)
 Truth keeps us from going in to the world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and actions to the truth of the Word of God.

The Sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17)
 which is the Word of God. God's Word is our offensive weapon. When we tell others what the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their bad thoughts and actions, and makes them want to be forgiven.

Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace (Eph. 6:15)
 The Gospel of Peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said peacemakers were blessed.

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"Stand Therefore"
 Ephesians 6:14-17

Leave No Unguarded Place

(1 Peter 5:8)

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Verse 14 – The girdle of truth. John 8:32

- Trust in God and your salvation found there. Ephesians 1:13
- Speak truth in love. Ephesians 4:15
- Truth is in Jesus. Ephesians 4:21
- Always speak truthfully. Ephesians 4:25
- The fruit of the Spirit in your life. Ephesians 5:9

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Verse 14 – The breastplate of righteousness.

- Character of the "new man." Ephesians 4:17-24
- Holy living, moral uprightness ... protects you against the devil. Godliness and integrity serve as an iron vest. James 4:7

Psalms 119:144, "Thy testimonies are righteous for ever: give me understanding, and I shall live."

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Verse 15 – Shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

NOTE: No soldier can defend or conquer without readiness!

- To walk in good works of God. Ephesians 2:10
- To walk worthily of our calling. Ephesians 4:1
- To not walk like the lost in the world. Ephesians 4:17
- To walk in love. Ephesians 5:1
- To walk as children of light. Ephesians 5:8
- To walk carefully throughout life. Ephesians 5:15.

Psalms 119:105, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and light unto my path."

Psalms 119:133, "Establish my footsteps in thy word; and let not any iniquity have dominion over me."

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Verse 16 – The shield of faith. "Unshakable trust in undeniable fact."

NOTE: Full body covering. 4 X 2½ feet.

- A faith that is lived and known. Ephesians 1:15
- A faith which relies on God for salvation. Ephesians 2:8
- A faith by which Christ dwells in our heart. Ephesians 3:17
- A faith that is one (united) in Christ. Ephesians 4:5, 13.

Psalms 119:114, "Thou art my hiding-place and my shield: I hope in thy word."

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Verse 17 – The helmet of salvation - Leather or metal, often decorated to be held high.

- Present reality. Ephesians 2:5
- Future reward. cf. 2 Corinthians 4:16ff; 1 Peter 1:3-9; etc.

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Verse 17 – *The sword of the Spirit ... the word of God.*

- a. Secures one's faith. Ephesians 1:13 (2 Peter 1:10)
 - All sufficient. 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12
 - Effective. cf. Matthew 4:1-11
 - b. The word of peace Jesus preached. Ephesians 2:17-18.
 - c. Revealed, written, and understandable. Ephesians 3:3-5
 - d. To be spoken in love. Ephesians 4:15
 - e. By it Christ sanctifies and cleanses His church.
Ephesians 5:26 (cf. Revelation 2:16)
- Psalms 119:11, *“Thy word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.”*

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Summary:

- All we need to win the battle! All found in the Scriptures.
 - Spiritual reality.
 - Moral uprightness.
 - Preparedness.
 - Absolute trust.
 - Assurance of a right relationship with God.
 - The revelation of God's mind and will.

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➤ **There is *no other protection and no other confidence of victory over sin except in the strength of His might (Ephesians 6:10).***

- *Loins girded with truth.*
- *Breastplate of righteousness.*
- *Feet shod with preparation.*
- *Shield of faith.*
- *Helmet of salvation.*
- *Sword of the Spirit*

Worthless
Without Use!
cf. Hebrews 5:14

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