

The Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-18

The Belt of Truth

- Ephesians 6:14
- The belt is where a soldier carries their weapons
- Different parts of the armor are all connected to the belt
 - Without the TRUTH there is no way that you can stand as a soldier for Christ
- What is the truth?
 - John 14:6
 - John 17:17 - Power to sanctify
 - John 8:32 - Power to set free
 - John 1:17 - Power to give grace
 - I Peter 1:25 - Word of the Lord endures forever
- We as soldiers of Christ need to abide in the Truth



The Breastplate of Righteousness

- Ephesians 6:14
- The breastplate covers the heart where all of life lives; if the heart is injured there is no life to a human
- Your heart is the source of everything you do. King Solomon says it is the “wellspring of life.” In other words, it is the source of everything else in your life. Your heart overflows into thoughts, words, and actions.
 - Proverbs 4:23 - protect our hearts
- Your heart is under constant attack. When King Solomon says to guard your heart, he implies that you are living in a combat zone. The enemy uses all kinds of weapons to attack our heart. These attacks often come in the form of some circumstance that leads to disappointment, discouragement
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- 1 Timothy 6:11 - follow after righteousness



The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace

- Ephesians 6:15
- The Lord's peace can be obtained through His gospel
- John 14: 27
- Psalms 119:105 word of God is a light unto our path that guides us when we are in need
- The word *readiness* implies constant vigilance. A victorious soldier had to be prepared for battle. They need to be confident in their own strategy, and have their feet firmly planted so that they can hold their ground when attacks come



The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace - Defensive

- The “peace shoes” that God supplies His soldiers have two purposes: defensive and offensive.
- In order to defend ourselves against the “flaming arrows of the evil one” (Ephesians 6:16)
- We must have confidence of our position in Christ. We must stand firm in the truth of God’s Word, regardless of how terrifying the circumstances may be (1 John 5:14)
- We must understand grace without abusing it (Romans 6:1–6), remember that our position in Christ is not based on our own abilities or worthiness (Titus 3:5)



The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace - Offensive

- God expects us to go on the offensive and take the gospel of peace to others. 1 Peter 3:15
- Sharing our faith is one of the best ways to maintain our own sure footing. God knows that, when we are active in speaking of Him to others, we not only charge into Satan's territory, but we dig our shoes more deeply into truth and will be much harder to dislodge.
- When we have “studied to show ourselves approved unto God” (2 Timothy 2:15), we are ready to stand firm in the gospel of peace no matter what the enemy brings against us (2 Thessalonians 2:15).



The Shield of Faith

- Ephesians 6:16
- A shield is used to protect yourself
- Romans 10:17 - need to read and spend time with word of God
- Hebrews 11:6 - without faith we cannot please God
- Ephesians 2:8 - it is a gift of God
- 2 Corinthians 5:7 - walk by faith



The Helmet of Salvation

- Ephesians 6:17
- Need to guard our minds and thoughts
- Romans 12:2 - renew our mind to please Him
- When we put on the helmet of salvation, we can avoid sinful thoughts and understand what is good and true. When we forget to do this, we are susceptible to thoughts that are planted in us by the enemy, who seeks to harm our walk with Christ.
- Put on the helmet of salvation in your daily life so that you may be confident in Christ. Remember that in order to keep it secured, we must fully submit to His ways. When God is on our side, there is no battle we cannot face in this world.



The Sword of the Spirit

- The sword is the item that is a weapon
- Hebrews 4:12 -word of God
 - Quick and living word
 - Powerful
 - Sharper than two edged sword
 - divides soul and Spirit
 - joints and marrow; changing the DNA
 - Discerner of thoughts and intents of heart
- 2 Timothy 3:18



The Prayer

- Ephesians 6:18
- Praying always; Shows our dependence upon God
- Only way we are able to communicate to God is through prayer and reading the Bible
- Christ Himself prayed many times when he was upon the Earth
 - Hebrews 5:7
 - Luke 3:21
 - Matthew 14:23
 - Luke 6:12
 - Mark 14:32

