



Armor of God

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Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. (Eph 6:10-18)

As Christians we are part of ongoing spiritual battle that is around us every minute, the Good of God and His Angels against evil and the evil one. God has equipped us with the protection needed to do are part in this Spiritual Warfare. **Romans 13:12**tells us that **“The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.”**

There are many scriptures which address the various pieces of armor, you have already read one, so let us take a deeper look at the Full Armor of God.

We need the armor ...

1. Because of the continued attacks of satan's and the ongoing spiritual battles
2. Provide for an effective prayer life
3. To protect us when interceding for others
4. To bond and draw strength from God

When you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt, will be with you. When you are about to go into battle, the priest shall come forward and address the army. He shall say: "Hear, O Israel, today you are going into battle against your enemies. Do not be fainthearted or afraid; do not be terrified or give way to panic before them. For the LORD your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory." (Deut 20: 1-4)

The Armor

Helmet of Salvation



Our hope and our salvation

Our hope of conquering every adversary and surmounting every difficulty, through the blood of the Lamb, is as a helmet that protects the head; an impenetrable one, that the blow of the battle-axe cannot cleave. The hope of continual safety and protection, built on the promises of God, to which the upright follower of Christ feels he has a divine right, protects the understanding from being darkened, and the judgment from being confused by any temptations of Satan, or subtle arguments of the sophistical ungodly. He who carries Christ in his heart cannot be cheated out of the hope of his heaven.

SALVATION

Breastplate of Righteousness

This implies a consciousness of justification through the blood of the cross; the principle of righteousness or true holiness implanted in the heart; and a holy life, a life regulated according to the testimonies of God. As the breast-plate defends the heart and lungs, and all those vital functionaries that are contained in what is called the region of the thorax; so this righteousness, this life of God in the soul of man, defines everything upon which the man's spiritual existence depends. While he possesses this principle, and acts from it, his spiritual and eternal life is secure.

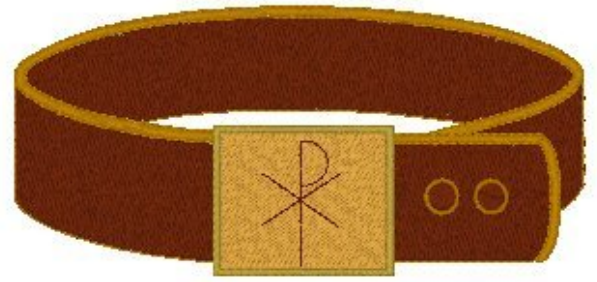


RIGHTEOUSNESS

Belt of Truth

Truth in our Faith and Life

Truth is the desire and strength of a Christian; what we rely on and have faith in. Truth also defines who we are and shows those around us the meaning of the word Christian.



TRUTH



FAITH

Shield of Faith

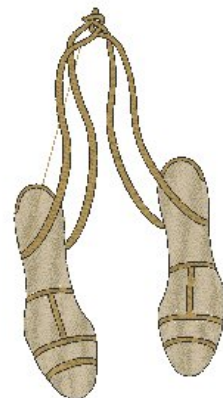
Faith is our defense

Faith is the evidence of things unseen which every genuine believer has, that God, for Christ's sake, has blotted out our sins, and by which we are enabled to call God our Father. It is such an appropriating faith as this which can quench any dart of the Devil, the Fiery Arrows of Satan

Shoes of the Gospel

Swift and True

Signifies putting on shoes to go forth and spread the gospel or word of God. It gives us the ability to move swiftly to perform God's will.



GOSPEL OF PEACE



Sword of the Spirit

This is the word of God; that is, the revelation which God has given of himself, or what we call the Holy Scriptures. This is called the sword of the Spirit, because it comes from the Holy Spirit, and receives its fulfillment in the soul through the operation of the Holy Spirit.

Through God's word is where we obtain our confidence and strength to put on the armor, God is the one who uses it.

Armor is of the Soul and not the Flesh!

Once on, keep it on, to protect from attacks by satan.

By the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you-I, Paul, who am "timid" when face to face with you, but "bold" when away! I beg you that when I come I may not have to be as bold as I expect to be toward some people who think that we live by the standards of this world. For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete. (2 Cor 10:1-6)

All the Praise and Glory to the Father

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