

The Armor of God!

Bible Study – Reverend Myron Contee – October 17, 2024

Take Up the Whole Armor of God:

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can make your stand against the devil's schemes." (Ephesians 6:11)



The Helmet of Salvation

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

The Breastplate of Righteousness

"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Corinthians 5:21)

The Shield of Faith

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)

Loins Girded with Truth

"Buy the truth and do not sell it—wisdom, instruction and insight as well." (Proverbs 23:23)

The Sword of the Spirit

"For the word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

Feet Shod with the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Romans 10:15)

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Ephesians 6:10-18

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

- Ephesians 1:1-8
 - 1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:
 - 2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:
 - 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
 - 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
 - 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
 - 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
 - 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

- First, Belt of Truth: This refers to the truth of scripture as opposed to lies of satan.
- John 8:32 John 8:44
- Love of God - John 3:16
- Forgiveness of sin - Colossians 2:13-14
- Salvation through faith in Jesus - Ephesians 2:8-10
- Grace and power to live for Christ - 2 Corinthians 12:8-9
- The second coming of Christ - Matthew 24:42, 44

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- The second way truth serves as the spiritual belt is holding together the full armor of God is thru our personal commitment to truth by living a life that is upright, transparent and without deceit. People should know they can depend on you, you have integrity and are honest, principles with God's word being the base.
- This breastplate of righteousness is totally the righteousness of Christ, which He gives to us freely when we accept Him as our Savior.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21, Ephesians 2:8-9, Philippians 3:9
- It is the righteousness that covers and protect us.

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

- Soldiers marching into battle must have comfortable shoes, the last thing you want hurting are your feet. As soldiers of Christ, we must put on gospel shoes that will allow us to march wherever our Lord leads. 1 John 2:6, John 10:27
- Knowing where you stand and how you stand allows us to be ready to always share God with others. We will never know when the opportunity arising to share the gospel
- Romans 10:15
- Remember we are only as strong as the foundation we stand on

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

- Here Paul lets us know that this is a special shield, one that in powers. When satan attacks comes it's able to knock down every dart that comes your way, this faith isn't something that just comes within us it's a gift given to us by God and this gift is added upon thru His word
- Romans 12:3, Romans 10:17
- Then as we walk with Him that faith grows and develop until it becomes a shield protecting us to live a victorious life in Christ. Galatians 2:20
- Then at the end of that life. 2 Timothy 4:7

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

- A helmet is used to protect the head/ properly the most vital part of the body for our work for its where the thoughts and mind of the believer lives. It is the chief battle ground of the Christian Walk and life. We must have a sure knowledge of our salvation
- The battlefield of our mind is the primary place of spiritual battle is fought. Here the Lord works His freeing truth into our perspective. John 10:10

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- Romans 12:1-2, Philippians 2:5-11, 1 John 5:11-12
- The sword is the only weapon of offense identified in the armor, all other parts are defensive, that's for our protection, to help in the fight against the enemy
- This sword is so powerful and sharp it must be handled carefully to keep from user error and do harm to yourself. Hebrews 4:12
- Jesus used the word against Satan's temptations. John 17:17
- It is so powerful. Psalm 119:105

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Even when being clothed with the armor of God you need to be bathed in prayer.