

# Christian Combat: Equipment Check – Body Armor!

Ephesians 6: 14

*Pastor Jason Dennett's Notes*

**NKJV** - ***"Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness.."***

**ESP** - ***"Estad, pues, firmes, ceñida vuestra cintura con la verdad, revestidos con la coraza de la justicia.."***

**NLT** - ***"Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness."***

**I. The Body Armor - HISTORICALLY!**

**II. The Body Armor - BIBLICALLY!**

**III. The Body Armor - PRACTICALLY!**

**I. The Body Armor - HISTORICALLY!**

- 2,000 years ago, in the ancient Roman world, the metal or leather breastplate was a form of "body armor" that protects the vital organs from injury: *his heart, his lungs, or his stomach from being pierced in battle.*
- **Commanding officers of a Roman Legion**, or other high ranking officials would often have a personalized crest on their armor, molded in hard leather or metal to fit the contour of their chest as body armor.
- **The Roman legionnaire foot soldier** usually wore what was called "*Lorica Segmentata*" or a "*Segmented Breastplate*". This was a metal body armor, that was fastened around the soldier, in front and back, providing them with a state of the art protection from swords, arrows, and flying rocks or projectiles. It was the most advanced body armor in the world, up to that point in history.

- **MODERN WARFARE:** The form this takes on the modern battlefield, is the bulletproof Kevlar vests, or even metal plates that are worn by male and female soldiers, police officers, and tactical agents to stop pistol or automatic rifle rounds from penetrating their chest, and killing them.
  - Ballistic Protection has various levels today, as you can see in this chart:
    - *Level IIa - protects you up to a .38 pistol shot.*
    - *Level II - protects you up to a 9mm or 45 pistol shot.*
    - *Level IIIA - protects you up to a 44 magnum pistol shot.*
    - *Level III - protects from all pistol rounds, and rifle rounds of 5.56 or 7.62*
    - *Level IV - protects from pistol rounds, lesser rifle rounds, and even armor piercing bullets such as .30*

## II. The Body Armor - **BIBLICALLY!**

- The **RIGHTEOUSNESS** that comes thru **CHRIST**, by trusting Him in **FAITH:**
  - **Phil 3:7-9 NLT** - "I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. 8 Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ 9 and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith."
  - **Phil 3:9 NKJV** - "...be found in Him, not having my own righteousness.. but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.."
  - **Rom 4:3 NKJV** - "... what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."
  - **Rom 5:19 NKJV** - "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous."
  - **Rom 10:9-10 NLT** - "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God.."
  - **1 Cor 1:30-31 NLT** - "God has united you with Christ Jesus...Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin. 31 Therefore, as the Scriptures say, "If you want to boast, boast only about the Lord."

### III. The Body Armor - **PRACTICALLY!**

- **#1 Use this Body Armor for MENTAL PROTECTION!!**

You allow your heart to be protected from discouragement or condemnation, by understanding, remembering, and believing in your **PERFECT RIGHTEOUSNESS** in Jesus Christ!

**Rom 8:1 NKJV** - "There is therefore now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus.." (D-4)(Zechariah 3)

- **#2 Get this Body Armor for ETERNAL SALVATION!!**

- You must get this spiritual body armor, and put in on, so that when the moment of death arrives, you will have **PERFECT RIGHTEOUSNESS** from Christ, and therefore be protected from the penalty of sin ----> **eternal death!!**

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