

# The Armor in the Kingdom of God

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Ephesians 6:10-18

# The Armor

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The armor represents the spiritual source that God gives believers to stand firm against evil (Satan) and live faithfully in the kingdom

# I. Belt of Truth

## (Ephesians 6:14a)

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Truth holds everything together. Believers are called to live according to God's truth which is revealed in Jesus Christ and scriptures (to live honestly and be grounded in God's word)

John 8:32: You know the truth and the truth shall set you free

Psalms 119:160: Your word is:

- Knowing the truth
- Live the truth
- Love the truth
- Endure the truth

## II. Breast Plate of Righteousness (Ephesians 6:14b)

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Righteousness protects the heart. It includes both righteousness God gives through faith and a life of obedience. (2 Corinthians 5:12 & Proverbs 11:4)

It also represents divine defense that guides believers' heart, emotions and conscience from spiritual attacks, guilt and moral compromise.

The concept functions through two vital aspects:

# Imputed Righteousness (Christ's Gift)

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Believers wear the perfect righteousness of Christ, credited to them through faith rather than our own perfection. This acts as a protective shield against the accuser silencing feeling of condemnation, shame and unworthiness.

# Imparted Righteousness (Moral Integrity)

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It requires an active commitment to God's moral uprightness, truth and holy living. By making daily choices that align with God's moral will, you actively protect your conscience from being hardened or corrupted by sin and temptation.

# III. Shoe of The Gospel of Peace

## (Ephesians 6:15)

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Believers stand firm and move forward with the good news of reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ.

- Romans 20:15- “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news”
- Matthews 5:9

## IV. Shield of Faith (Ephesians 6:16)

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Above all, taken the shield of faith, where with you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Faith extinguishes the enemy, spiritual hardship, doubts, fears and temptations.

- **Active Trust**

Shield of faith armor in the kingdom is not just intellectual agreement; it is a deliberate daily decision to rely on God's character and promise. Joshua 1:6-9

- **Fiery Darts:** Represents sudden destructive thoughts such as anxiety, guilt, temptation or despair that try to pierce a person's mindset.

# Solution

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- But when a person shifts his/her focus from circumstances to God's reliability. These destructive thoughts lose their power just as the man at the beautiful gate set his gaze on Peter and John.
- Holding up the shield means choosing to believe in God's truth over negative emotions, deceptive circumstances and creating a barrier that keeps spiritual harm from reaching the heart.

# V. Helmet of Salvation (Ephesians 6:17)

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Salvation guards the mind with confidence in God saving works (grace and eternal life)

- Thessalonians 5:8
- Isaiah 12:2
- Isaiah 59: 17

Helmet protects the head which is vital to the body.

- Spiritually, salvation protects believer's minds from death, fear, discouragement and deception.

# Lesson

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- Be confident in your salvation through Jesus Christ.
- Guide your thoughts against lies and influences.
- Remember your identity is found in Christ not in circumstances.

# VI. The Sword of the Spirit: Which is the word of God.

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The word of God is both defensive and offensive. The word empowers believers to resist temptation, overcome deception and proclaim truth.

## **Lessons**

- Know and study God's word regularly
- Use scripture to combat temptation and spiritual attacks
- Speak God's truth with faith and wisdom (Matthews 4:1-11). Jesus overcame the devil with the word
- The word assures victory (Isaiah 49:2) says "He made my mouth like sharp sword"

# Key Message

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Ephesians 5:17 teaches that believers must protect their minds with the assurance of salvation and fight spiritual battles with God's word. A Christian who understands his/her salvation knows the word of God (Scripture) better to stand against spiritual oppositions.