

**Ephesians 6:5-20** “Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.”

- Be strong in His strength.
- Our enemy is the devil. (rulers, authorities, cosmic powers, spiritual forces of evil.) in the heavenly places.
- Stand firm.

### **Stand firm by taking up the full armor of God:**

BELT.....TRUTH

BREASTPLATE.....RIGHTEOUSNESS

FOOTWEAR.....GOSPEL

SHEILD.....FAITH

HELMET.....SALVATION

WORD.....WORD

PRAY.....ALWAYS



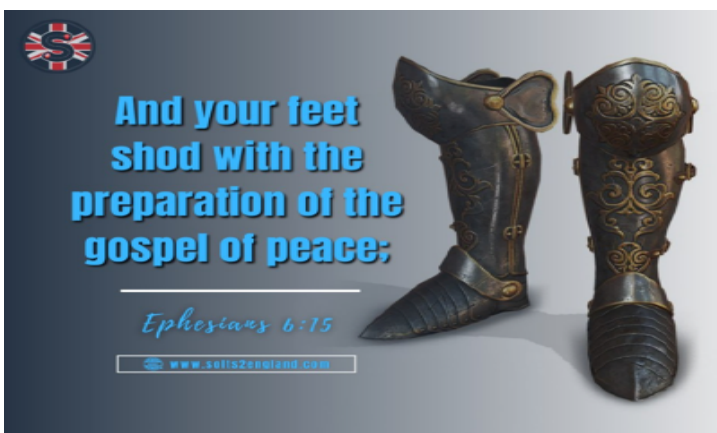
## The Belt of Truth

- Truth is absolute.
- Jesus is Truth.
- Falsehood is an abomination.
- The enemy is the father of lies.



## The Breastplate of Righteousness

- Positionally
- Practically



## The Shoes of The Gospel of Peace

- For He Himself is our peace, breaking down the wall of hostility.

## The Shield of Faith

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

- Satan attacks with lies, we counter with faith.



## The Helmet of Salvation

**Romans 12:1-2** “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”



## Sword of the Spirit

- The Word of God



**Hebrews 4:11-13** “Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

## Pray at all Times

Why pray?

- God commands it.
- Jesus prayed.
- Brings solutions.
- Major decisions.
- Battle the enemy



- Workers for the harvest.
- Overcome temptation.
- Asking for His strength.

Prayer should not be seen as our means of getting God to do our will on earth, but rather as a means of getting God's will done on earth. God's wisdom far exceeds our own.

For situations in which we do not know God's will specifically, prayer is a means of discerning His will ([James 1:5](#)). Prayer was instrumental in the Spirit's sending of Paul and Barnabas on the first missionary journey ([Acts 13:1–3](#)). Solomon asked for “wisdom and knowledge,” and God gave him that and much more ([2 Chronicles 1:10–12](#)).

A lack of prayer demonstrates a lack of faith and a lack of trust in God's Word. We pray to demonstrate our faith in God, that He will do as He has promised in His Word and bless our lives abundantly more than we could ask or hope for ([Ephesians 3:20](#)).

[Ephesians 6:21-24](#) “So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts. Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

