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## SECTION 11 – The Armor of God & Spiritual Warfare

### Lesson 46 - The Armor of God Part 6

#### Gospel of peace - continued

The Gospel of peace is the Gospel of being at one again.

**Genesis 3:1-4** *Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”*

*2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’”*

*4 Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.”*

The serpent had lied to Eve. He told her that God is a liar and everything that Eve knew to be true, everything Eve believed to be true, everything Eve based her whole security on was now called into question. We know from what she did that Eve believed the lie. The devil had no power over her except to lie to her. She chose to believe the lie. She now came under the influence, control, and effect of the spirit of insecurity. She now felt insecure.

*The moment you feel insecure  
you will reach for something to make yourself feel secure again.*

**Genesis 3:4-5** *Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”*

#### What was the lie that the devil told Eve?

He was saying to Eve, “You’re not who you think you are.”

The devil now tells Eve that not only has God lied to her about dying, but that God lied to her in another thing. In Genesis 1 and 2 the Bible clearly says that God created man in His own image. But the serpent comes along and tells Eve she’s not really in the image of God, and that God is holding out on her. At that moment he released upon her the second of these two demon spirits. He released upon her the spirit of inferiority.

Inferiority means the feeling of being lower in position or stature.

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All of a sudden she felt less in position and stature. She felt insecure, and now she felt inferior. These two debilitating emotions are brought on by these two demon spirits. They caused her to be anxious at that moment and to want something to make her feel secure and valued again. She couldn't handle feeling insecure and inferior. Then the devil offered her a solution. He told her that if she ate of the tree then she would be like God knowing good and evil. Then she would have her position back. Then she'd be strong. Then she'd have control and become secure because she'd have the power and be like God.

God spoke to me and said, "Son, that is what the devil is doing to My people all the time. He's releasing upon them insecurity. He's releasing upon them inferiority. Then they start feeling insecure, and they start feeling inferior, and then he offers them a solution."

You know it wasn't until somewhere in the late 1960s early 1970s that if a person had an itch on their head it didn't really bother anybody. Then a product by the name of Head and Shoulders came out. They showed these commercials of a handsome man and a beautiful woman walking to meet each other in an obvious ploy of destiny. It's to be instant love when they see each other, but all of a sudden he scratches his head and she is put off by it. He is no longer seen as appealing because he scratched his head. Then you see the man in the shower way too happy washing his hair with Head and Shoulders. Then you see the scene again and they both bump into each other and thanks to Head and Shoulders it's another perfect match made.

What are they saying? If you have an itchy, flaky scalp you are less attractive, you are less valuable. They want you to feel inferior. They want you to feel insecure about your little itch so that you will reach and grab their product to solve your feelings of insecurity and inferiority. A ton of commercial marketing is based on these two demon spirits. They are implying that if you don't have their product you are less desirable. They want to make you feel insecure. They want to make you feel inferior so that you will reach for something to grab to build up your sense of security and to build up your sense of value. This is the trap of the devil and we grab it all the time.

This happens all the time in area after area in our lives. Young people face this. You're a Christian young person going to school. You and your family are conservative, but all your other friends have piercings and tattoos. They are all looking down on you. You start feeling the pressure. You feel insecure because you don't have a tattoo. You feel insecure because you don't have piercings. Am I saying tattoos and earrings are wrong? In and of themselves, by themselves, I'm not saying they are right or wrong. What I'm saying is that when you go after those things to feed an insecurity, and feed inferiority it leads you into greater bondage. It doesn't lead you into freedom.

#### **What was the good news that Jesus came with?**

[Jesus came with the good news: You are NOT inferior; you are NOT insecure any longer.](#)

You feel insecure and inferior because you are separated from God. Through the cross He has brought you back into the Godhead. He brought you back into unity with the Father and with Himself. He has

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given you position and power and stature. You need to get the revelation of who He now has made you, and who He has created you to be. Then you will never be swayed by the spirit of insecurity. You'll never feel inferior to anybody because you are a King's kid. You are a child of the Most High God. You won't be swayed by the enemy to grab the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil to try to shore up your insecurities and inferiorities.

We need the revelation of who He's made us. He brought us into Himself. We need to understand who it is we are; who God made us.

**I am a child of God. God is spiritually my Father.**

**Romans 8:14-15** *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."*

**Galatians 3:26** *For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.*

**John 1:12** *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:*

**I am a new creation in Christ.**

**2 Corinthians 5:17** *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

**I am an heir with the Father and a joint heir with Christ.**

**Galatians 4:6-7** *And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

**Romans 8:17** *and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*

**I am a saint.**

**Ephesians 1:1** *Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus:*

**1 Corinthians 1:2** *To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:*

**Philippians 1:1** *Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:*

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**I am God's workmanship, created in Christ for good works.**

**Ephesians 2:10** *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

**I am a citizen of heaven.**

**Ephesians 2:19** *Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.*

**Philippians 3:20** *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**I am a member of Christ's body.**

**1 Corinthians 12:27** *Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.*

**I am united to the Lord and am one spirit with Him.**

**1 Corinthians 6:17** *But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.*

**I am the temple of the Holy Ghost.**

**1 Corinthians 3:16** *Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?*

**1 Corinthians 6:19** *Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?*

**I am a friend of Christ.**

**John 15:15** *No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.*

**I am a slave of righteousness.**

**Romans 6:18** *And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.*

**I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.**

**2 Corinthians 5:21** *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

**I am chosen and ordained by Christ to bear fruit.**

**John 15:16** *You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.*

**I am righteous and holy.**

**Ephesians 4:24** *and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*

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### **I am hidden with Christ in God.**

**Colossians 3:3** *For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*

### **I am the salt of the earth.**

**Matthew 5:13** *You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.*

### **I am the light of the world.**

**Matthew 5:14** *You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.*

### **I am part of the true vine.**

**John 15:1-2** *I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.*

### **I am filled with the divine nature of Christ.**

**2 Peter 1:4** *by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

### **I will appear with Him in glory.**

**Colossians 3:4** *When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.*

### **I am chosen of God, holy and dearly loved.**

**Colossians 3:12** *Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;*

**1 Thessalonians 1:4** *knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God.*

### **I am a child of light.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:5** *You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.*

### **I am a partaker of the heavenly calling.**

**Hebrews 3:1** *Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus.*

### **I am more than a conqueror through Christ.**

**Romans 8:37** *Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.*

### **I am a partaker with Christ and share in His life.**

**Hebrews 3:14** *For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end.*

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**I am one of God's living stones, being built up in Christ as a spiritual house.**

**1 Peter 2:5** *you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

**I am a chosen generation, a royal priest hood, a holy nation.**

**1 Peter 2:9** *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*

**I am the devil's enemy.**

**1 Peter 5:8** *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

**I am born again of the Spirit of God.**

**John 3:3-6** *Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

*4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"*

*5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."*

**I am an alien and a stranger to this world.**

**1 Peter 2:11** *Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul.*

**I am a child of God who always triumphs in Christ and releases His fragrance in every place.**

**2 Corinthians 2:14** *Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.*

**I am seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.**

**Ephesians 2:6** *and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*

**I am saved by grace.**

**Ephesians 2:8** *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.*

**I am a recipient of every spiritual blessing heavenly places in Christ.**

**Ephesians** (the entire book)

**I am redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.**

**Revelation 5:9** *And they sang a new song, saying:*

*" You are worthy to take the scroll,*

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*And to open its seals;  
For You were slain,  
And have redeemed us to God by Your blood  
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation.*

### **I am the bride of Christ.**

**Revelation 19:7** *Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.*

Get those words in your spirit. God has made us at one again with Him. When we get the revelation of our unity with Him and who He has now made us, and who He has created us to be, and when we begin to walk in that revelation, it will give us a firm footedness no matter what the devil throws our way. It will not shake us.

### **Shield of Faith**

**Ephesians 6:15-16** *and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.*

We don't need to spend a lot of time on this particular one because we spent an incredible lesson back in the six foundational doctrines of Christ on faith. I encourage you to review it. The shield of faith is so powerful.

In 1999 at the end of the worship rehearsal the Lord spoke to me to have each of us to begin to pray for one another. We put one person in the middle and all of us stood around them and prayed. We did this for everyone, then they prayed for me last. As I stood in the middle two angels appeared to me, one on each side. One had the name WISDOM and the other had the name UNDERSTANDING. WISDOM spoke to me and said, "Follow me. I have to show you something." He led me to a corner of the church. There I saw a very large angel and he had a banner down his front which said "Purity". In his hand he had a shield. It was made of the most amazing silver I'd ever seen in my life and it was outlined with flaming gold. It was so bright it was like fire, but it wasn't actual flames. Indented into the shield was the word "Faith". The angel had a sword in his other hand. WISDOM spoke to me and said, "He has come to bring holiness back to the church." He said the shield has been given to protect God's people's minds from the vile thoughts of the enemy.

Remember what we have been teaching in the armor of God that each piece of the armor is a revelation and is only put on by you entering into the manifestation of that revelation. We taught very powerfully back in the six foundations doctrines of Christ that faith and authority are intricately tied together. Jesus tied it together in Matthew 8 beginning with verse 5 with the Roman centurion. When that Roman centurion responded to Jesus by understanding authority, Jesus said, "No great faith have I seen in all of Israel."

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### How do we define “Faith”?

Faith is an absolute loyalty to God’s Word irregardless of the circumstances.

Faith is an authority issue. It’s an absolute loyalty or fidelity to authority. Faith is the exaltation of God’s Word above everything else. It’s complete submission to God’s Word above everything else. That faith has been given to us as a mighty weapon, as a mighty shield to protect our minds.

In my experience of being sent from southern California off to Kentucky the Lord taught me about authority and being one who is sent and not one who just went. The Lord spoke to me, and although God led me to handle it in a different direction, He told me that because I was sent I could always go back to the one who sent me and they could step in to protect me. God said that when we submit to authority we also release an empowerment to that authority to protect us. When we submit to the authority of the government of the United States we are also releasing and empowering the authority of the government of the United States to protect us. When we violate that authority we actually become the enemy of the State and no longer are we protected by the State. We lose a dimension of that protection.

This is also true spiritually. When we stay submitted to God’s authority we are protected in the spirit realm. Faith is fidelity or loyalty to God’s Word. It’s an absolute loyalty to God and His Word irregardless of our circumstances. When we submit to God and His Word we are releasing and empowering God to fight for us. We are empowering God to defend us. But when we rebel against God we actually tie God’s hands from protecting us, from defending us, from shielding us and guarding us.

There are laws of the Kingdom. There are heavenly laws, and when we violate the heavenly laws the judgments that are written will come to pass. A good example to look at is in the area of unforgiveness. When we choose not to forgive, the law is written that God will not forgive us. It opens the doors for the tormentors to come in. It opens the door for the devil to come in. When we operate in unforgiveness the devil then begins to have a legal right of access, and actually to a dimension binds the hands of God from protecting us and defending us. But if we forgive, He will forgive us, and He will stand up as a mighty warrior against the devil. God will defend us.

That is why God was rebuking them in the book in Malachi when they failed to give their tithes and their offerings. They had come under a curse, but if they would bring all the tithes He would rebuke the devourer. When you break the law of giving and receiving, you break the law of sowing and reaping, the devourer comes and God can’t protect you. He won’t be able to protect your finances. But when you submit to God and His authority and Word that shield of faith rises up and He will protect you.

Faith is submission to and loyalty to God’s Word. It is an authority issue. Submitting to God’s authority is a shield and protection. It’s going to protect God’s people’s minds from the vile thoughts of the enemy. Faith is a defensive weapon. Faith is also an offensive weapon, because when we function in faith with the Word of God it will break through the strongholds of the enemy in an offensive manner.



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#### **For Further Study:**

**Isaiah 32:17** *The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.*

**John 14:27** *Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

**Mark 11:22** *So Jesus answered and said to them, Have faith in God.*

**Hebrews 11:6** *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him*