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WE NEED THE ARMOR

In our daily walk with the Lord, we are confronted with many trials and tribulations that require us to have the whole armor of God if we are to be victorious. For many of us putting on the whole armor of God seems to be a hard task, or as some would consider nuisance. If you fail to have the whole armor of God applied to your life, you will find that you cannot live the Christian life, and will become frustrated with your failures.

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.

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;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of

the gospel of peace;

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

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

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



If we hope to be able to stand up against the onslaughts of Satan and his agents we need to be armed with the whole armor of the Lord. We cannot expect to be able to defend ourselves against Satan while not being armed with the proper armor. Like the knight, we need to be armed with:

• **Loins girt about with Truth**

Whereas the world considers lies and liars to be ethical, the Christian is armed with the truth. Even when telling the truth may be detrimental, the truth is a vital piece of armor for the Christian. So when Paul says to have your loins girt about with truth, he is saying that telling the truth is always the correct thing to do.

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- **Breastplate of Righteousness**

Just like the Police and soldiers of today where bullet proof vests and flack jackets we need to have our chest protected by righteousness. The righteousness that we have for our armor is the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. Whereas the world's righteousness is the self righteousness of sinful man, the Christian is armed with the righteousness of the Lord.

When you take on the Lord's righteousness for your own you begin to walk in his divine path and follow the way that he walked. If you take on the self righteousness of the world, you will find that you are on a downward slope to destruction. On the other hand, the righteousness of Jesus Christ in your life will protect you from the evils of this world that are continually hurled at us.

- **Preparation of the Gospel of Peace**

The soles of our feet must be shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Only the life giving gospel can save us from the wickedness of this world. Satan has the world so bound that he has many convinced that wrapping a bomb around themselves and blowing up themselves along with as many other people as possible is a good thing. There are religions that are so bound by Satan that they are teaching that killing and murder is righteous. Only having the gospel applied to your life can save you from this evil. We are truly living in the day where evil is called good and good is called evil.

- **Shield of Faith**

As Satan's agents are hurling arrows of destruction at us, we need to have the

shield of faith so that we can quench the onslaught of wickedness. Our faith in Jesus Christ empowers us to withstand all of Satan's temptations. When the world entices you to partake in their sinful ways, you will have the power to say no to the temptation.

- **Helmet of Salvation**

All of our salvation is in Jesus Christ the Lord, for there is no other plan of salvation.

Acts 4:12

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

There is no other method of salvation except through Jesus Christ.

- **Sword of the Spirit**

Our only offensive weapon is the Word of God. Jesus is our offense against Satan and his agents. When you are filled with the Holy Ghost and the Spirit of Christ dwells within you, then you have the power to fight against the evils of this world.

If you are missing any of the pieces of the armor of God, then you will find yourself losing the battle against Satan and his agents. The wiles of the devil are strong and mighty. Satan has you in his sights. He has your total destruction in mind. He wants to destroy your witness, your faith, and have the Spirit of Christ leave you.

So we must be prepared for this battle and defend ourselves against the rulers of darkness and spiritual wickedness in high places.

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Ephesians 6:12

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.

When our boss, acquaintances, friends accuse us wrongly, it is not us that they are condemning, but Jesus Christ. Many of those around us don't know the Lord, and feel that Christianity is just a religion. To those who are born of the Spirit, know that Christianity is not a religion, but a total life fulfilling commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ.

So when the world accuses you they are fighting against the Spirit of the Lord that is dwelling in you. When they see that righteous Spirit, they cannot contain their resentment and must fight against you. They don't realize that they are agents of Satan, and they need our prayers and support. If you want to see them in heaven that they too must receive the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ just like you did.

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