



**EPH. 6:10-20**

# **“THE CHRISTIAN IN GOD’S ARMOR”**

**Part 5**

***THE PARTS OF THE ARMOR***

# REVIEW

- **The goal of the Christian is to “stand” = to persevere in your faith.**
- **The enemy of the Christian is powerful.**
  - **Prince**
  - **Powerful**
  - **Rulers of darkness**
  - **Hosts of spiritual wickedness**

# REVIEW

- **Our METHOD is to take up the provided armor .**
- **Our MOTIVE is that we may be able to stand (only *God's armor will work*); and to stand (*God's armor will work, if used*).**
- **Our DOCTRINE: These pieces of armor have reference to Christ.**
  - *Perseverance rests on believing in Christ's sufficiency*
  - *Perseverance rests on being assured of Christ's work*

# **Wrong Practices Regarding God's Armor**

- **We take them as “personally empowering”.**
- **We take them subjectively, not objectively.**
- **We forget that the goal of Satan's warfare is our “giving up” the faith in despair; so that the goal of the Christian is to maintain faith in Christ.**

# 1. (vs. 14a) — The Belt of Truth



- Truth upholds everything else. Doctrine is the foundation of all ability to persevere.
- Therefore, we should not be surprised when those with poor (or no) doctrine abandon a false faith.
- Doctrinal truth is made to be applied.

## 2. (vs. 14b) — The Breastplate of Righteousness



- Whose righteousness?
- Based on Christ's deity; sinless life; substitutionary death; ascension and intercession.
- Doctrine of justification clarified.
- When we sin...

### 3. (vs. 15) — The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace



- Our status with God has changed from being an enemy to being at peace with God. (see *Romans 5:10; Colossians 1:21*)
- Our “grip” as a Christian is founded on our ability to stand in our new relationship to God.

## 4. (vs. 16) — The Shield of Faith



- “The Door”
- Remember: not subjective
- This is an *active* faith - a choice regularly to remind yourself of what Christ has done for you.
- Q: What means do we use?



## 5. (vs. 17a) — The Helmet of Salvation



- “Salvation” in the NT
- 1Thess. 5:8;  
1Peter 1:3-5
- How much does the hope of heaven mean to us?

## 6. (vs. 17b) — The Sword of the Spirit



- **Emphasis on “the word of God.”**
- **“Lies of the world”**
- **A beginner using a sword?**

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# **1. THE BELT OF TRUTH**

- **Truth holds up everything else**
- **"Should we be surprised when...?"**
- **Truth without application?**

## **2. THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

- **Our primary protection against Satan's attack**
- **Q: What do we mean by "righteousness"?**
- **Q: What doctrines / truths supports this idea?**
- **Q: What, then, is our tendency when we sin?**

### **3. "HAVING SHOD YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE"**

- **"Shod"? -**
  - **Middle English, past participle of "shoe"**
  - **Acts 12:8 - "... tie on your sandals...."**
  - ***Slip-shod? Dry-shod?***

### **3. "HAVING SHOD YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE"**

- **Normal Roman soldier footwear**
- **"Preparation" = *readiness; or stability* (in the sense of a well-prepared base or foundation).**

### **3. "HAVING SHOD YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE"**

- **SCRIPTURES** (*related to God/gospel*): Acts 10:36; Romans 5:1; Romans 10:15; Romans 15:13; Colossians 1:20
- **Q: Are you at peace with God? Is God at peace with you? Do we remember this when tempted to quit?**