



Our Armor (part 2)

Ephesians 6:10-17

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Weapon #1: The Accomplishment of Jesus Christ

Weapon #2: The Armor of God

Belt: Truth

I experience victory as I hold to God's truth.

Breastplate: Righteousness

I experience victory and righteousness as I apply the truth.

Shoes: Gospel of Peace

I experience victory as truth and righteousness result in the peace of God.

Shield: Faith

Ephesians 6:16, "In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one." (NIV)

Principle: Faith is our trust in God for salvation and access to his grace.

Ephesians 2:8-10, "8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (NIV)

Romans 5:1-2, "1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand." (NIV)

Practice: Practical faith is acknowledging God's victory in the heavenly realm that is unseen and applying it in the earthly realm that is seen. I experience victory as I act like I believe God. (Heb.11)

Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (KJV)

James 2:14, 17, "14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ... 17 ...faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." (NIV)

Helmet: Salvation

Ephesians 6:17, "Take the helmet of salvation..." (NIV)

Principle: Salvation is:

Past: Saved from the Penalty of Sin (Justification)
(Rom. 5:1; 8:24; Eph. 2:8-10)

Present: Saved from the Power of Sin (Sanctification)
(Rom. 6:14, 18-22; 1 Cor. 1:18; Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Thess. 5:23)

Future: Saved from the Presence of Sin (Glorification)
(1 Pet. 1:5; 1 John 3:2; Jude 1:24)

Philippians 1:6, "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (NIV)

Practice: I experience victory as I bring my thinking in line with my salvation.

Sword: Word of God

Ephesians 6:17, "...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." (NIV)

Principle: The Spirit of God has given us the Word of God.

Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." (NIV)

There is the:

Written Word (*graphé*)

Given Word (*lógos*)

Spoken Word (*rhéma*)

Practice: I experience victory as I speak the Word of God. (Matt. 4)

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Putting on the armor of God is another way of saying: Put on Jesus.

Romans 13:12, 14, "12 ...let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light....14 ...clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ..." (NIV)