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- God's responsibility
  - Divine restraint (Job 1:10, 12; 2:6; 2 Thess 2:6; 1 John 5:18)
  - Divine intercession (John 17:15; Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25)

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## **Ephesians**



**Dressed for Success!** 

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## 8 Observations About the Armor (Eph 6:14-17)

- 1. Paul's imprisonment (Eph 3:1; 6:20; Philip 1:13)
- 2. Soldier metaphor
- 3. Six pieces of armor described
- 4. Significance of the armor in the ancient world



## 8 Observations About the Armor (Eph 6:14-17)

- 5. Paul is reinforcing prior concepts in Ephesians
- 6. Pieces mentioned in the order they are put on
- 7. Command: to put on the armor
- 8. Outline: description, represents, application



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EPHESIANS: WHAT IS INSIDE?			
1–3	4–6		
Relationship	Responsibility		
Doctrine	Deed		
Orthodoxy	Orthopraxy		
Knowledge	Wisdom		
Belief	Behavior		
Position	Practice		
Privileges	Responsibility		

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### **Belt of Truth**

(Eph 6:14a)

- Represent
  - "Truth" [alēthia] used 6 times
    - Gospel (1:13; 4:21)



Belt of Cruth

- Doctrinal orthodoxy/stability (4:15)
- Moral purity (4:24-25; 5:9)

### Belt of Truth

(Eph 6:14a)

- Definition
  - Foundation of our defense is standing firm in the truth of God's Word as well as our personal integrity



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- Application
  - Objective: Stand in the truth of God's Word



Subjective: Personal integrity

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# Breastplate of Righteousness (Eph 6:14b) Description

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### **Breastplate of Righteousness** (Eph 6:14b)

- Represent
  - ◆ "Righteousness [dikaiosynē] used 2 times
    - 4:24; 5:9





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### **Breastplate of Righteousness** (Eph 6:14b)

- Definition
  - Our underlying protection includes our righteous character and deeds stemming from our positional righteousness



## Breastplate of Righteousness (Eph 6:14b)

- Application
  - ◆ Live consistently with our position
  - When we engage in a sinful or impure lifestyle, we are vulnerable and can take an arrow through the chest

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### Sandals of Peace (Eph 6:15)

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### Sandals of Peace

(Eph 6:15)

- Represent
  - "Peace" [eirēnē] used 7 times
    - Positional peace (1:2; 6:23)
    - Racial harmony (2:14, 15, 17)
    - Unity (4:3)





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### Sandals of Peace

(Eph 6:15)

- Definition
  - Because we are at peace with God, we should pursue peace and unity within the church





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### **Sandals of Peace**

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- Application
  - When we pursue unity in the church, we are putting on the sandals of peace
  - ◆ Negative example: Philip 4:2-3





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### Shield of Faith

(Eph 6:16)

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- Represent
  - ◆ "Faith" [pistis, pisteuō] used 9 times
    - Noun (1:15; 2:8; 3:12, 17; 4:5, 13; 6:23)
    - Verb (1:13, 19)
    - Content of what Christians believe

## Shield of Faith (Eph 6:16)

- Definition
  - Our confident trust in God's ways in order to withstand Satan's attacks



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## Shield of Faith (Eph 6:16)



- Application
  - Flaming arrows in the ancient world
  - Examples of Satan's flaming arrows
  - Our trust in God's ways extinguishes them all
  - Unbelieving believer

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### Helmet of Salvation (Eph 6:17a)

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- Represent
  - "Salvation" [sōtēria, sōtērion] used 1 time
    - Eph 1:13
    - Full ramification of salvation



Three Tenses of Salvation			
Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

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### Helmet of Salvation (Eph 6:17a)

- Definition
  - Maintaining confidence of our past, present, and future deliverance in the mist of battle



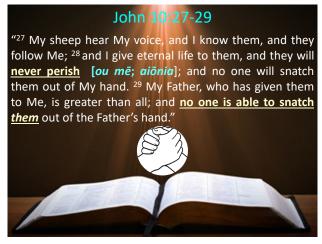
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### Helmet of Salvation (Eph 6:17a)

- Application
  - Confidence in the full ramifications of our salvation no matter what Satan throws at us that causes our assurance to wane



◆ John 10:28-29; Rom 8:35; Philip 1:6; 1 Pet 1:4-5



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# Romans 8:29–30 <sup>29</sup> For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; <sup>30</sup> and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

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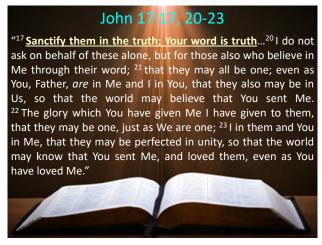
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  - ◆ Communication by the Spirit through the Word [rhēma] of God



- 2 Pet 1:21
  - Eph 1:8-9, 13, 17-18; 2:18; 3:5-6, 16

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# INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE 2 Peter 1:20-21 ■ Men Wrote as they were inspired by Holy Spirit "pherō" = to carry Acts 27:15,17 ■ Opposite of Knowledge of False Teachers • Which is their own imagination • Jer. 23:16

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### Sword of the Spirit (Eph 6:17b)

- Definition
  - Specific skillful speaking and application of God's written revelation in order to overcome Satan's schemes



### Sword of the Spirit (Eph 6:17b)

- Application
  - ◆ Positive example Christ (Matt 4:1-11)
  - Negative example Eve (Gen 2:16-17; 3:2-3)







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### **CONCLUSION**

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