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 - 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



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- 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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6 Pieces of Armor (Eph 6:14-17)

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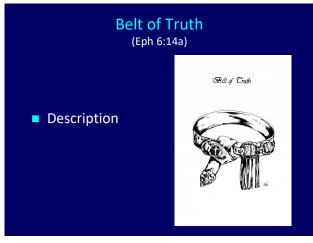


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Belt of Truth (Eph 6:14a) ■ Represent • "Truth" [alēthia] used 6 times - Gospel (1:13; 4:21) - Doctrinal orthodoxy/stability (4:15) - Moral purity (4:24-25; 5:9)

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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

Belt of Truth (Eph 6:14a)

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



Subjective: Personal integrity

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Breastplate of Righteousness (Eph 6:14b)

Description



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



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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)

Description



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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)



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

(Eph 6:15)

- 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) Description

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Shield of Faith (Eph 6:16)



- 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

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Shield of Faith

(Eph 6:16)

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



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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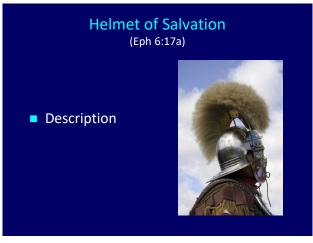


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Helmet of Salvation (Eph 6:17a) ■ Represent • "Salvation" [sōtēria, sōtērion] used 1 time - Eph 1:13 - Full ramification of salvation

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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	

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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John 10:27-29 "27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish [ou mē; aiōnia]; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand."

Romans 8:29-30

²⁹ 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; 30 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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1 Peter 1:4-5

"4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved ready to be revealed in the last time."



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Sword of the Spirit (Eph 6:17b) Represent Communication by the Spirit through the Word [rhēma] of God Pet 1:21 Eph 1:8-9, 13, 17-18; 2:18; 3:5-6, 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



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CONCLUSION

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