

The Whole Armor Of God

Ephesians 6:10-18

Introductory Thoughts

Last week we discussed the 7 walks of Ephesians.

Mention was made as to how we may be successful in our walk.

***By putting on the whole armor of God –
Ephesians 6:10-18***

Paul saw many soldiers in his life.

***Acts 27:1 – Centurion escorted him to Rome
Acts 28:16-20 – Chained to a guard***

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Christians are Soldiers of God.

2 Timothy 2:3 – 2 Timothy 4:7

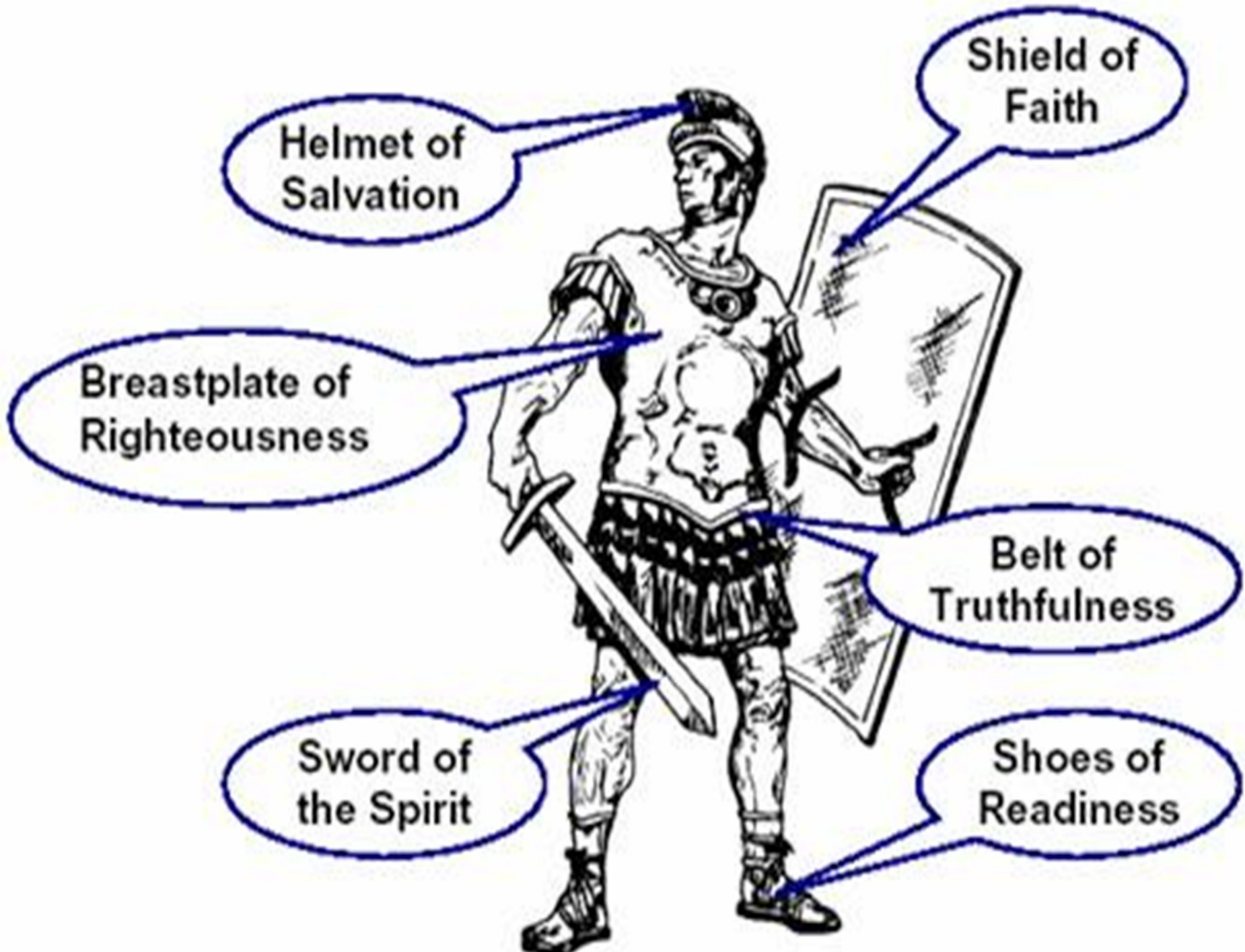
We must be able to stand against our enemies.

We can stand strong when we put on the whole armor of God.

Whole = Complete – Offensive and defensive.

Not part God and part man.

Let's examine the armor and what it can do for us.



Helmet of
Salvation

Shield of
Faith

Breastplate of
Righteousness

Belt of
Truthfulness

Sword of
the Spirit

Shoes of
Readiness

Belt of Truth

Holds armor in place

**Truth is the belt that holds the
Christian soldier together**

John 1:17

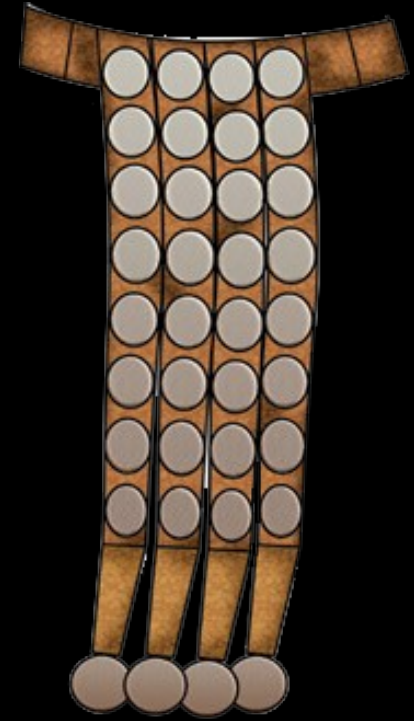
John 8:32

John 14:6

John 17:17

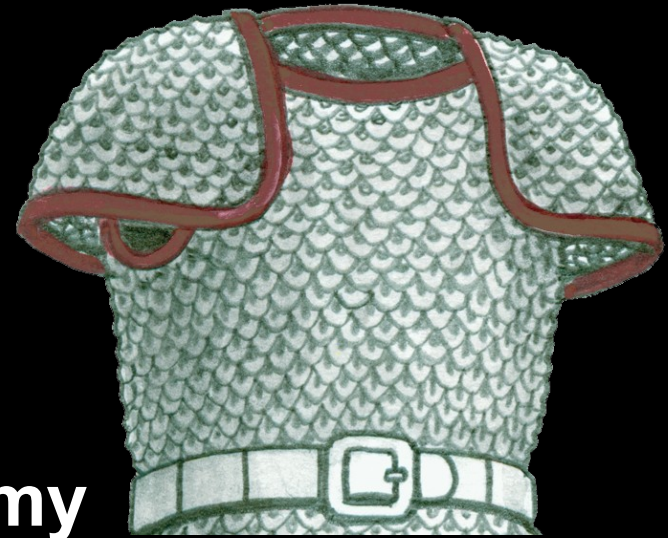
1 Corinthians 15:1-2

Proverbs 23:23



Breastplate of Righteousness

Covered vital organs



Righteousness = Living right.

Gives strength because our enemy
can have no evil thing to say about us.

Integrity, holiness and purity of life.

Jesus overcame all the temptations he faced due
to His righteousness.

Shoes of Readiness

Prepared to move



Christians are prepared by Gospel of Peace.

Constantly ready for attacks.

Philippians 4:13

2 Timothy 1:12

Shield of Faith

Defensive weapon

Romans 10:17

Hebrews 11:6

Psalms 119:11

Protects us from the darts of...

Doubt, Discouragement, Disappointment and Death



Helmet of Salvation

Protects the head

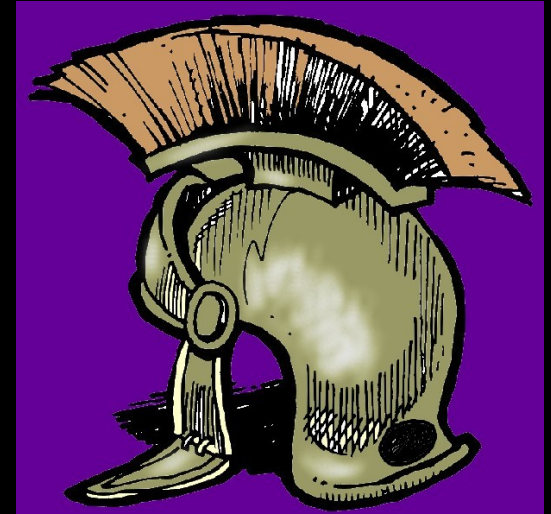
The assurance of salvation.

Gives hope for the future

John 14:3

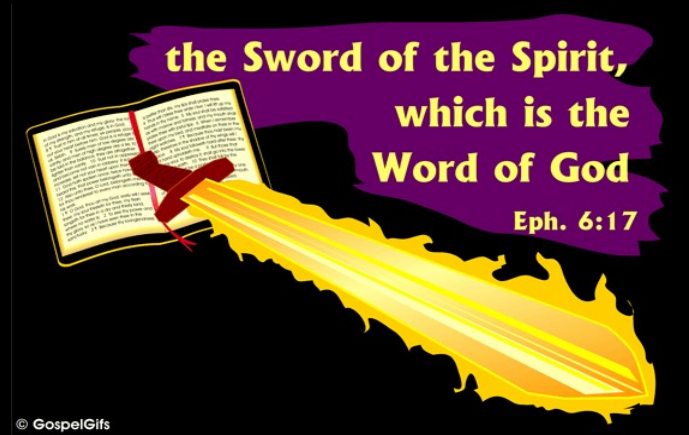
1 Peter 1:3-4

Offers encouragement and strength to endure.



Sword of the Spirit

Offensive weapon



Hebrews 4:12

To use it we must know it – 2 Timothy 2:15-16

Contains all things we need – 2 Peter 1:3

Sword can be used, but not applied – Genesis 3

Sword can be used and be effective – Matthew 4

Concluding Thoughts

Verse 18 gives the exhortation to pray.

Prayer is the means by which we stay in touch with our commander in chief.

It is an honor to be a soldier for your country.

It is an even greater honor to be a soldier of God.

Have you enlisted in the Lord's Army?