**PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD**

Prayer:

**Dear Lord, as we try to learn about You and Your commandments, may we seek the truth in all things. May we look upon the word of the Bible as our authority that comes from you. May our hearts be receptive to Your truth, and may we have the courage to change our lives when we are shown the truth. May we be honest and sincere in this our time to study and worship towards you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.**

**Introduction**

**Beloved we all know that we are involved in a war or a conflict called …”SPIRITUAL WARFARE” ..and sometimes the war gets very ugly and nasty, that’s because satan will never give up as a loser. He will come after anyone multiple times and throw at the person attacks in the many forms of doubts, false accusations, body illnesses, lies, teaching errors from the word of God, many forms of deceptions, many temptations especially through the eye,**

**But God has not left us out there to fend for ourselves without preparing us to do battle. The preparation process is all a mental challenge. That’s because the mind is where most of the battle is fought aside from the stance of the knees! We do well to prepare ourselves with the proper attitude of mind as we tackle this important teaching from the words of our God in order to have and gain the victory!!**

**God spoke through His servant Paul to the church at Ephesus and as the Holy Spirit led him he was instructed to tell the church that they were to …”PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD” that they may stand firm against the wiles (trickery) of the devil!**

**In order for us to understand this phenomena…we need to be instructed as to what all this involves and what each item broken down represents and covers in our daily walk with Christ!!**

**Answer:** The phrase “full armor of God” comes from [Ephesians 6:13-17](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Eph%206.13-17): “Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

**LETS BREAK IT ALL DOWN TO A CLEAR LAYMENS TERM OF UNDERSTANDING….**

[Ephesians 6:12](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Eph%206.12) clearly indicates that the conflict with Satan is a spiritual one, and therefore no tangible weapons can be effectively employed against him and his wiles. We are not given a list of specific tactics Satan will use. However, if one chooses to strategize themselves for war then there are many examples given throughout the entire bible of the many forms satan used in others to engage in war with an individual also understand that he has many spiritual forces that he instructs and they come with the warfare. Beloved, the passage is quite clear that when we follow all the instructions faithfully, we will be able to stand, and we will have the victory regardless of Satan’s strategy.

The first element of our armor is “**truth”** (verse 14). This is easy to understand, since Satan is said to be the “father of lies” ([John 8:44](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/John%208.44)). Deception is high on the list of things God considers to be an abomination to Him. A “lying tongue” is one of the things He describes as “detestable to Him” of the seven item mentioned in ([Proverbs 6:16-17](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Prov%206.16-17)).

***16These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:17A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,18An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,19A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.***

[***Titus 3:3***](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Titus+3:3&version=KJV)***. For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another***

[***1 John 1:8***](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20John+1:8&version=KJV) ***If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.***

 Plain and simple “a lying tongue is a form of deception” We are therefore exhorted to put on truth for our own sanctification and deliverance, as well as for the benefit of those to whom we witness.

Next item in verse 14, we are told to put on the [**breastplate of righteousness**](https://www.gotquestions.org/breastplate-of-righteousness.html)**.** A breastplate shielded a warrior’s vital organs from blows that would otherwise be fatal. Satan is always out trying to get to our spiritual organs! This righteousness is not works of righteousness done by men.[**Romans 3:10**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+3:10&version=KJV)As it **is** written, **There** **is** **none** righteous, no, not one: Rather, this is the righteousness of Christ, imputed by God and received by faith, which guards our hearts against the accusations and charges of Satan and secures our innermost being from his attacks. In other words…***Righteousness is a way of life that is all about doing the right thing: righteousness shows great concern for morals and ethics as expected by God.***

Verse 15 speaks of the preparation of the feet for spiritual conflict. In warfare, sometimes an enemy places dangerous obstacles in the path of advancing soldiers like spikes in the road. The idea of the preparation of the [**gospel of peace**](https://www.gotquestions.org/gospel-of-peace.html)as footwear suggests what we need to advance into Satan's territory, aware that there will be traps, with the message of grace so essential to winning souls to Christ. Satan has many obstacles placed in the path to halt the propagation of the gospel. But god spoke through this servant Isaiah and said the following..[***Isaiah 52:7***](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+52%3A7&version=KJV) ***How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!***

The [**shield of faith**](https://www.gotquestions.org/shield-of-faith.html) is spoken of in verse 16. Satan's is always sowing seeds of doubt about the faithfulness of God and trying to make His Word ineffective in our lives. Our faith—of which Christ is “the author and finisher” ([Hebrews 12:2](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%2012.2))— is like a golden shield, precious, solid, and substantial. When we study out the word faith…we must look into Hebrews 11.the hall of Faith!!

***11 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.2For by it the elders obtained a good report.3Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.4By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.5By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.6But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.7By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.8By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.9By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:10For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.11Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.12Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.13These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.14For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.15And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.16But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.17By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,18Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:19Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.20By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.21By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.22By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.23By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.24By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;25Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;26Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.27By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.28Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.29By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.30By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.31By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.32And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:33Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.34Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.35Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:36And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:37They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;38(Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.39And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:40God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.***

The [**helmet of salvation**](https://www.gotquestions.org/helmet-of-salvation.html) in verse 17 is protection for the head, keeping viable a critical part of the body. We could say that our way of thinking needs preservation. The head is the seat of the mind, which, when it has laid hold of the sure gospel hope of eternal life, will not receive false doctrine or give way to Satan’s temptations. The unsaved person has no hope of warding off the blows of false doctrine because he is without the helmet of salvation and his mind is incapable of discerning between spiritual truth and spiritual deception.

Verse 17 interprets itself as to the meaning of the sword of the Spirit—it is the Word of God. While all the other pieces of spiritual armor are defensive in nature, the [**sword of the Spirit**](https://www.gotquestions.org/sword-of-the-Spirit.html)is the only offensive weapon in the armor of God. It speaks of the holiness and power of the Word of God. A greater spiritual weapon is not conceivable. In Jesus' temptations in the desert, the Word of God was always His overpowering response to Satan. What a blessing that the same Word is available to us!

In verse 18, we are told to pray in the Spirit (that is, with the mind of Christ, with His heart and His priorities) in addition to wearing the full armor of God. We cannot neglect prayer, as it is the means by which we draw spiritual strength from God. Without prayer, without reliance upon God, our efforts at spiritual warfare are totally empty and futile. The full armor of God—truth, righteousness, the gospel, faith, salvation, the Word of God, and prayer—are the tools God has given us, through which we can be spiritually victorious, overcoming all of Satan’s attacks and temptations.