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FCS1-4-19: The Victorious Christian within God's Armor

To conclude this series of the Armor of God, let's overview the parts of the armor and the spiritual role they have in maintaining a victorious Christian.

Ephesians 6:10-18 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the **whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your **loins** girt about with truth, and having on the **breastplate** of righteousness; 15 And your **feet** shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the **shield** of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the **helmet** of salvation, and the **sword** of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 **Praying** always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and **watching** thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Keeping in mind that it takes the entire armor to be victorious in every battle, let's describe what a victorious Christian's armor and testimony should look like, both to themselves as well as those that look to them for an example:

1 John 2:15-17 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

--Loins girt about with truth.

The victorious Christian maintains a conscience and testimony of purity as it relates to sin. One of the greatest weapons the Devil has against every human is in attacking the lusts of their flesh. Every person needs to live righteously first in their minds to maintain their holy testimony. It is no small thing that this was the first piece of armor listed within the armor of God. The truth is in maintaining a clear conscience in the light of the Word of God. This truth is the perfect harmony of God's Spirit and Word within a person's life.

--Breastplate of Righteousness

The victorious Christian maintains a conscience and testimony of righteousness at all times, even when the only one watching them is God. Their righteousness only comes from God and can never be earned by any good works they will do. When walking in the Spirit of God continually, they jealously keep their mind and soul clean in the blood of Christ, by their continual confession and repentance. This breastplate armor is, however, only as strong as the righteousness of the person wearing and depending on it. God will always be the true righteousness of a person.

--Feet Shod with the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace

The victorious Christian always stands firm in the truth of God's Word. This is only possible through maintaining their heart in the mind of Christ. As a person grows in Christ, they have their spiritual senses exercised in battle.



The peace of God continues to grow within them as they resist temptations and keep their conscience clean before God. Those who choose to submit and not resist the Holy Spirit, find that their decision to stand firm on God's Word comes with less and less wrestling against the Holy Spirit. This decision bares the fruit of peace. It provides us with a conscience and testimony void of offense towards God. Every person that maintains this part of the armor of God will stand fast regardless of the type or magnitude of the attack against them. From the start of a spiritual attack, the victorious Christian is persuaded, that as God has kept them before, He will keep them yet again and again from sin: God is forever faithful. This peace is not the mere absence of war; it is their heart and mind prepared to not fight against the convictions from the Holy Spirit. It is their reliance and firm stance on God's Word that keeps them from ever falling.

--The Shield of Faith

The victorious Christian has a part of the armor of God that is not only able to protect them but is also able to quench the spiritual darts of the Devil. This shield will do more than deflect; it will extinguish anything it blocks that comes from evil: this is the power of Christ that overcomes the world. A person keeps this part of God's armor strong with their faith; a complete reliance on Christ to save and keep them. If a person has given up their faith in Christ, they will eventually succumb to the darts of the wicked one because their shield is only as effective as their faith in Christ. A warrior of faith always has their shield in a ready position and their faith will forever keep them from any evil.

--The Helmet of Salvation

Maintaining a spiritual mind is essential in a Christian's walk with God. Every battle they face comes first in the form of thoughts and temptations. Jesus also was tempted in every passion a man could have; yet He remained righteous and thus condemned sin while in the flesh. He overcame the world and all the things of it; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. The power of this part of the armor of God, the helmet comes by keeping the mind of Christ. As the Christian's conscience goes, so does their sound mind. God has given every Christian all the power, love and sound mind needed to maintain the hope and promise of their salvation. When a person is doing all they can within a battle, they need only God's grace and strength to endure and escape it. This victory is guaranteed for every Christian who chooses to rely on the Lord to provide their way to escape. The battle never belongs to the warrior; it belongs to Christ, who won every battle at Calvary. It is up to every person to know and be persuaded of the power of Christ to give them complete victory in every battle. This mind of Christ is tender towards God and resolute towards evil.

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

--The Sword of the Spirit

Living within the Word of God, and its teachings, is the only way to victory in every battle. Jesus quoted the scriptures against the Devil, and in doing so, Jesus rebuked the Devil away. A human person can never have the power on their own to be victorious over the Devil. The Word of God is a part of God's armor that is alive. The Holy Spirit makes the scriptures come alive within a person's heart, guiding them as they read and study God's Word. The more a person learns from the Word of God, the more skillful they become in sharing the Gospel. As with any weapon, respect and care should be given as this Word of God, like a surgeon's scalpel, will cut into the heart of another person easily. Every care should be taken to use it properly because words can spiritually kill a person and they can also heal and bring salvation. The victorious Christian lives within and preaches God's Word every day and everywhere. This part of God's armor is only as strong as the study habits of the person using it.



If a person does not study and live of God's Word on a regular basis, their sword (the living Word of God) will become weak and dull. When used skillfully the Word of God will bring many souls to Christ.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

--Prayer and Watching

As in times past, a vigilant and watchful warrior is able to keep watch over a city from their enemies. A Christian must also prayerfully watch for their spiritual enemies: these are the enemies of lust, pride and anything that displeases God. A spiritually-minded and prayerful person will foresee evil and either attack it with the Word of God or avoid it all together because a prayerful heart and mind will always be ready for anything that comes against it. God can use this kind of warrior to do His work at any time and at any place. A warrior must watch his enemy to know how to defend himself when attacked.

Every Christian has the calling from God to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It takes a spiritually-minded person to see the doors God has opened and it takes prayer and anointing to meet the spiritual needs of others. The Devil will not let go of the souls he holds without a fight. Just as David took a lamb from the lion's mouth, that lion rose up and fought to keep it. We are not sent into this sinful world to be a part of it; we are commissioned to rescue souls that are trapped within it.

It also takes the whole armor of God to protect one's self from evil and remain unspotted from the world as well as fight for the souls of the lost. This is the testimony of a victorious Christian within the Armor of God.



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Question 1

As described, the testimony of a victorious Christian should be the same outwardly towards others as well as look the same within that person's conscience.

True

False

True/False

Question 2

As described in 1 John 2:15-17, what are considered to be of the world?

- The lust of the flesh.
- The lust of the eyes.
- The desire of righteousness.
- The pride of life.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 3

As described, what is the truth that a person's loins should be girt about with?

- The fact that everyone is human and should accept and indulge in it.
- The truth about all forms of sexuality.
- The truth is the maintaining a conscience clear of any offense to the Spirit and Word of God.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

Question 4

As described, what is the righteousness of the breastplate?

- It is when a person makes a good decision that brings another person to Christ.
- Righteousness is of God within a person when they are walking in the Spirit of God and have their sins covered in the blood of Christ.
- When a person carries the stones of the Ephod in a religious way.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

Question 5

As described, what is the Gospel of peace that a warrior should have bond to his feet?

- It is a made up mind to do good works before partaking of the lusts of the flesh. It is a matter of priority.
- It is a willingness to stand in uneven ground for the Lord. That stance cannot be moved.
- It is when a person comes to redemption to the Lord through the Sacrifice of Christ Jesus and are made at one again. No longer resisting and justifying sinful ways within that person's conscience and standing firm in the Gospel.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)



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Question 6

As described, what is the faith that makes the shield powerful?

- A complete reliance in the saving power of Christ.
- A complete reliance on the Pastor of your congregation to teach the Word of God accurately.
- A knowledge that the Devil will soon be defeated and no longer a threat to a Christian.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

Question 7

As described, what is the helmet of salvation referring to?

- It is an iron mask that keeps other people from reading your thoughts.
- It is the protection for the head to keep Jesus out of your conscience.
- It is protection for maintaining a spiritual and sound mind in Christ.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

Question 8

As described, what is the sword of the Spirit?

- It is the Word of God.
- It is the Pastor that keeps his flock in line using the fear of damnation.
- It is when a person is used to execute judgment on this earth in the place of God.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)



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