

“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. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with Truth, and having on the Breastplate of Righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace; Above all, taking the Shield of Faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the Helmet of Salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.” *Ephesians 6:13-18 KJV*



The Armor of God is the Word of God. Let's examine each piece. Believers are (1) GIRDED with the Truth and Righteousness. Weight lifters gird themselves with a wide belt to enable the lifting of huge weights without damaging their muscles. The breastplate protected a soldier's vital organs. Since it is our mind that is under attack, we must apply the obedience of Truth to protect our vital thoughts from evil. Believers must always be (2) GOING with God's Word "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the Hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ." Believers are (3) GUARDED or shielded with God's Word stored in our memory and thoughts from diligent study; "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth;" and meditation therein; "This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt MEDITATE THEREIN day and night, that thou mayest OBSERVE TO DO according to ALL that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Our Shield of Faith is only as good as our knowledge of God's Word, because it shields the believer's mind from sinful thought. "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against Thee." It was Eve's lack of knowledge that allowed Satan to deceive her, as it will you! Believers are (5) GARRISONED eternally against death by God's Promise of Deliverance and Salvation! Our Helmet of Salvation through Faith and skill with the "Sword of the Spirit," which is God's Word, are all we need for certain Victory over sin and death! "And this is the Victory that overcometh the world, even our Faith." God's Word is the tally and total of the believer's armor against sin and death. Not studying and knowing God's Word is going to war unarmed!

God's Word protects the faithful soul,
Not just in part, but as a whole,
To know in part leaves us deceived,
It is the whole we must believe! –CGP

And lest we feel alone in the struggle, let us make (6) GENUINE INTERCESSION for other believers, not just "God Bless, so and so," but take the time to know their needs and struggles and to take them to God as if they were our own! "Let us therefore come boldly unto the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain Mercy, and find Grace to help in time of need." Needs need not always be our own. Did you ever think you might ease another believer's suffering through earnest fervent prayer? "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the Power of HIS MIGHT. Put on the whole Armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Ephesians 6:10-11 KJV