the whole armour of God

the breastplate of righteousness

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The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.
Exodus 14:14

The LORD your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes; Deuteronomy 1:30

Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you. Deuteronomy 3:22

For the LORD your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.
Deuteronomy 20:4

6:10 - strong in the LORD

'Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me' 2 Timothy 4:17

'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me' Philippians 4:13

'But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ' Acts 9:22

'He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God' Romans 4:20

6:10 - strong in the LORD

'And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled (same as strong) me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry' 1 Timothy 1:12

'Quenched 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.' Hebrews 11:34

6:11 - whole armour

'When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.'

Luke 11:21-22

'And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst,...'

Deuteronomy 28:52

'Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.'

John 5:45

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Armour	Spiritual Aspect	the Whole Armour
Belt	Truth	But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof. Romans 13:14
Breastplate	Righteousness	
Footgear	Gospel of Peace	
Shield	Faith	
Helmet	Salvation	
Sword	Word of God	

This is where we place our trust

'Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;' Ephesians 6:18

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Belt	Truth	Hold Armour together
Breastplate	Righteousness	Body Armour - Heart
Footgear	Gospel of Peace	Body Armour - feet
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spiritual warfare

'For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)' 2 Corinthians 10:3,4

'Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.' 1 Timothy 6:12

the absent javelin

'Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands.' 1 Samuel 17:45-47

'And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.' 1 Samuel 17:7

Ephesians 6:10-20

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B′: v13 Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm

A′: v14-20 The armour of God

6:13 - withstand

'Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.' James 4:7

'Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.' 2 Timothy 3:8

'Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.' Romans 13:2

6:13 - withstand

Ephesians 6:11

'For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.'
1 Thessalonians 3:8

Ephesians 6:10

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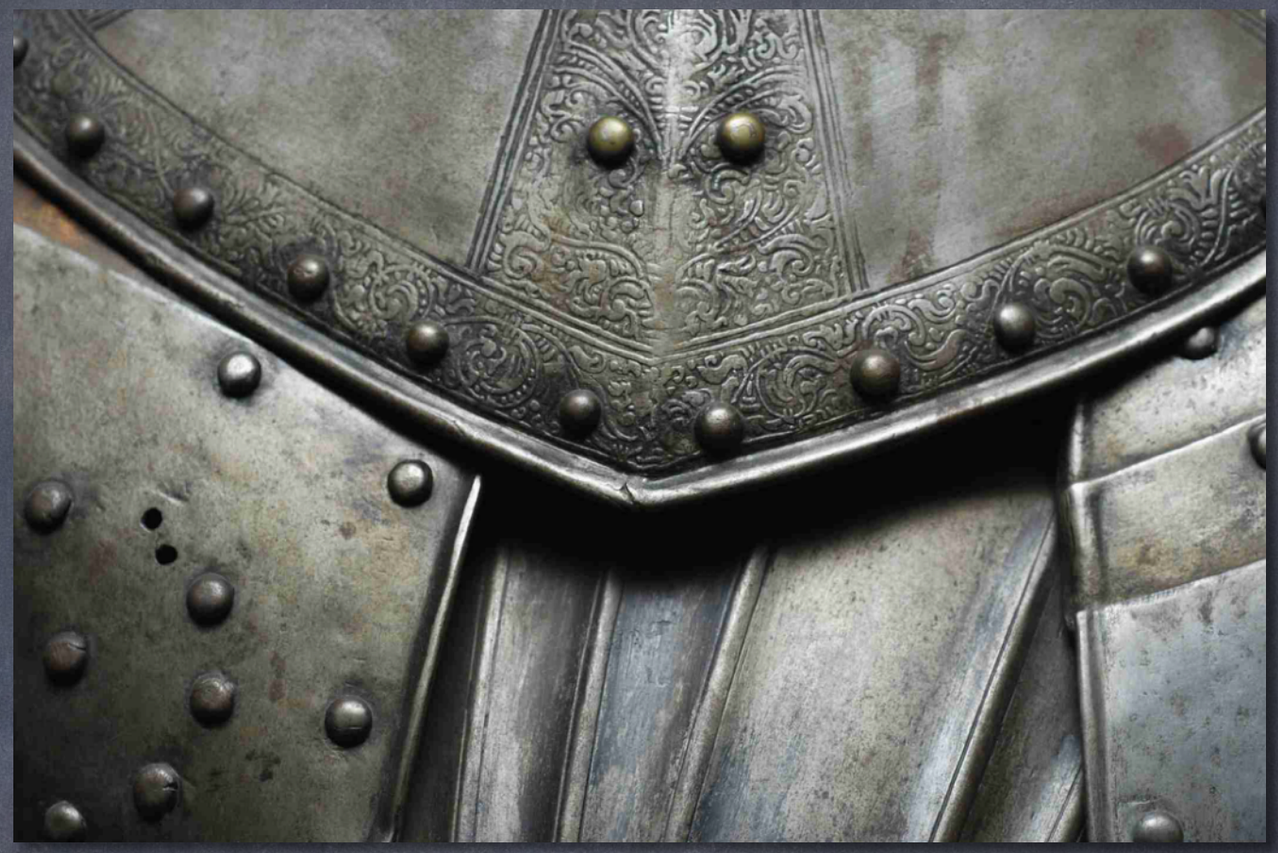


belt of truth



Guarding the Heart

'Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life'
Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)



'Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.'
Philippians 1:7

Thorax

Also protects intestines / bowels - represent emotion and feeling:



Bowels / intestines is the Greek word 'splagchnon' from which we get the word 'spleen':

- Colossians 3:12 - bowels of mercies
- 2 Corinthians 7:15 - 'inward affection'
- Philippians 1:8 - long for you in my bowels
- Philemon v7,12,20 - bowels of Saints refreshed

The word 'bowel' is attached to an emotion

The Breastplate

'For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.'

Isaiah 59:17

'And he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass.'

1 Samuel 17:5 (and v38)



The Breastplate

'Harness the horses; mount, O horsemen! Take your stations with your helmets, polish your spears, put on your coats of mail!'
Jeremiah 46:4 (RSV)

'But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.'
1 Thessalonians 5:8



the putting on of righteousness



home truths

'But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags;...'
Isaiah 64:6

'and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:'
Philippians 3:9



imputed righteousness

'For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.'
2 Corinthians 5:21

'For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.'
Romans 8:3,4

no longer imputing sin

'Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.'
Psalm 32:1-2

'And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. ¶ Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:'
Colossians 2:13-16

imputed righteousness

'the LORD our righteousness'
Jeremiah 23:6

'I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.'
Job 29:14

'That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.'
1 Corinthians 1:29-31

Abraham

'And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.'
James 2:23

'Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.'
Galatians 3:6

'Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.'
Genesis 26:5

Abraham

'By 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. By 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:'

Hebrews 11:8,9



seeking his righteousness

- Works of R - Titus 3:5
- Fruits of R - 2 Cor. 9:9,10; Philippians 1:11
- Follow R - 1 Tim. 6:11, 2 Tim. 2:22
- Suffer for R - 1 Peter 3:14
- Preacher of R - 2 Peter 2:5
- New man created in R - Ephesians 4:24
- Do R - 1 John 2:29, 3:7,10
- Better not to know way of R than to turn back - 2 Peter 2:21

wherein dwelleth righteousness

- New heavens & new earth wherein dwelleth R - 2 Peter 3:13
- Hope of R - Galatians 5:5
- Sun of R arise - Malachi 4:2
- Crown of R - 2 Timothy 4:8
- Judging and making war in R - Revelation 19:11

a permanent lodger

'How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.'
Isaiah 1:21



many occurrences have the context of lodging 'all night' - whilst darkness passes

unrighteous



believes and is baptised



righteousness imputed



practice righteousness



crown of righteousness given
entrance into Kingdom where dwelleth righteousness

conclusion

'For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)'

Romans 5:17

'That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.'

Romans 5:21

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the helmet of salvation

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Timothy Connections

'The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.' 2 Timothy 1:18

'Thou therefore, my son, be strong (Eph 6:10) in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.' 2 Timothy 2:1

'Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.' 2 Timothy 2:3,4

2 Tim. 2:3 - endure hardness

'Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.'
2 Timothy 2:9

'But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.'
2 Timothy 4:5

'Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.'
James 5:13

2 Tim. 2:4 - entangled

'For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.'

2 Peter 2:20

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Belt	Truth	v15,18,25
Breastplate	Righteousness	v22
Footgear	Gospel of Peace	v8,22
Shield	Faith	v18,22
Helmet	Salvation	v10
Sword	Word of God	v9

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Eph. 6:11,13 - stand in evil day

'But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.'
Daniel 12:13

'Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.'
Colossians 4:12

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Principalities and Power

'And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:
And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it'
Colossians 2:10,15

'For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.'
Romans 8:38,39

Principalities and Power

'And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say:'
Luke 12:11

'And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.'
Luke 20:20

Rulers of the Darkness

'When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.'

Luke 22:53

'Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:'

Colossians 1:12,13

Spiritual Wickedness in High Places

Fiery Darts of the Wicked



Withstanding in the Evil Day

'(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;). Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;'

2 Corinthians 10:4,5

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helmet of salvation



Hope of Salvation

'But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation'

1 Thessalonians 5:8

'For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.'

Romans 8:24,25

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Armour	Spiritual Aspect	The Exodus
Belt	Truth	Exodus 12:11
Breastplate	Righteousness	Respond to God's instructions
Footgear	Gospel of Peace	Exodus 12:11
Shield	Faith	Leave Egypt in faith
Helmet	Salvation	Exodus 14:13, 15:2
Sword	Word of God	Exodus 14:14

Eph. 6:13 - Victory given / received - 15:1, 14:14

the power of prayer

