

Putting on and wearing the armor of God is more than just strapping on armor, as we would for a physical battle. The armor is not just for those on the front line, those in the 5-fold ministry, or for prayer intercessors. Rather, this spiritual armor is for all believers who wish to live a glorious and victorious Christian life.

Much of the armor is to build us up and prepare us to withstand the wiles of the enemy by protecting our belief in God, His Son Jesus Christ, and His Word to work in our lives. However, if we place little value on God's Word, likewise we will not see much value in the armor.

Therefore, ask yourself if you believe and value God's Word and the destiny that He has for you while you're here on this earth. For the armor of God is spiritual, and we can only apply and wear it as our faith allows us to.

Gird your loins with the truth:

God's Word and His Son Jesus Christ must become our foundational truth; it is the first piece we put on and must become our core foundation if we are to be effective in holding back a spiritual attack. This prepares us with God's truth, so we will not be deceived by the lies and deception of the enemy, and the truth shall make us free. We are sanctified, and our souls are purified by the truth, for God's Spirit is truth. [John 1:17](#), [4:24](#), [8:32](#), [14:6](#), [14:17](#), [17:17](#), [Galatians 2:5](#).

The breastplate of righteousness:

This piece of armor, I believe, is the same as putting on Christ's righteousness, for our righteousness always comes short and is as filthy rags. Righteousness is closely associated with believing from the heart that God raised Christ from the dead, and the breastplate protects the heart. Discernment and judgment are also elements of righteousness, and that is why we first must gird our loins (our core foundation), with the truth of God's Word. [Romans 10:9-10](#), [{Acts 17:31}](#).

Shod your feet with the gospel of peace:

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through Jesus Christ. Jesus gave us His peace, and that is the only reason why we can walk in peace. Peace is a fruit of the Spirit, and the kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy, and God is a God of peace. Therefore, let the peace of God rule in your heart and have peace one with another. [Mark 9:50](#), [John 14:27](#), [Romans 5:1](#), [14:17](#), [15:33](#), [Galatians 5:22](#) & [Colossians 3:15](#).

Take up the shield of faith:

This piece of armor is meant to stop ALL of the fiery darts of the wicked one. The other pieces of armor are meant to build yourself up with kingdom values. It is not wise to have fiery darts bouncing off your chest, your feet, or your head. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God, [Romans 10:17](#). Therefore, to make this piece of armor effective and active, we need to nourish ourselves in the truth of God's Word and of good doctrine, [1st Timothy 4:6](#), while also building ourselves up on our most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, [Jude 1:20](#).

Put on the helmet of Salvation:

I believe this can do three things for us:

1. Assure us of our hope of salvation, [1st Thessalonians 5:8](#); It's essential that we be 100% sure of our salvation. [Romans 10:9](#), is our litmus test to assure us of our salvation; it's all about what we BELIEVE. For we must be born-again, [John 3:3](#).
2. To keep negative thoughts from bombarding our mind: This will happen within time as we learn to take every thought captive and cast down thoughts that exalt themselves against the knowledge of God, [2nd Corinthians 10:5](#), through the renewing of our mind, [Romans 12:2](#), for we have the mind of Christ, [1st Corinthians 2:16](#).
3. It can lead us into further revelation. That the Lord will grant you the Spirit of knowledge and revelation, [Ephesians 1:17](#), making known unto you the mystery of the Gospel, [Ephesians 3:3](#), [Galatians 3:3](#).

And take up the Sword of the Spirit:

This is the only piece that can be used as an offensive weapon against the enemy. When Jesus was tempted, He replied to the devil using the Word of God, [Matthew 4:4, 7, 10](#), [Luke 4:4, 8, 12](#). God's Word may not seem to us to be the weapon that we need to defeat our enemies, but, as we skillfully learn to use His **Supernatural WORD**, it will become a double-edged **SWORD** for us. For we are not dealing with physical armor, nor are we doing physical warfare. As we go into this spiritual battle, we must first be well-grounded in God's truth, having the other pieces of armor on so as to protect our beliefs, standing firm on our faith. Only then are we properly prepared to use God's Word, and then we'll see His **Supernatural WORD** become that double-edged **SWORD**.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit:

The armor of God is not static; it is dynamic. It is not just a physical piece of clothing that one puts on and gives no more thought to; it is dynamic, dependent on our walk and relationship with Christ.”

“Praying” is a pretty broad term. It can mean praying, interceding for others, praying for ourselves, building ourselves up, or simply fellowshiping with the Lord. We are told in scripture to pray without ceasing,

[1st Thessalonians 5:17](#). Speaking and believing the Word is our ONLY spiritual defense; it is all about Him, Jesus Christ (the Word made flesh), [John 1:14](#).

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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 armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand, [Ephesians 6:12-13](#).

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; [Ephesians 6:14-18](#).

