

Armor: Breastplate/Shield/Helmet

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Hello! This is Dorothy-

We have been looking at **Ephesians chapter 6**. We have been seeing that we are told that we are to gird our **loins with truth** and to put on the **breastplate of righteousness** and have our **feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace**. I just want to talk to you about what it is to have the **breastplate of righteousness**.

In **Romans, chapter 5, verses 19 to 21**, we read –

19 For as by one man's disobedience – that was Adam – many were made sinners, so by the obedience of One – that is Jesus – shall many be made righteous.

20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

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

The breastplate of righteousness. Jesus Christ is my righteousness. Jesus Christ, in putting on that breastplate, is covering my heart; He is covering my vital organs with that breastplate. He is only too aware that in everything, He is covering what is really the “me” inside. That is what is so awesome, because when grace abounds, this righteousness, His righteousness, brings forth protection from the enemy, and we stand alone in His righteousness from those fiery darts of the evil one.

Also there is a peace of God, which is to do with the... **preparation of the gospel of peace.** In **John chapter 14 verse 27**, we read – **Peace I leave with you – yes, you! – my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

And in **Phillippians 4 verses 5-7**; **Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and mind through Christ Jesus.**

Peace in a storm? The eye of the storm is the place of peace, they say. I do not want to go there and try it out, but I am taking Scriptures to say that however huge the battle, when we are in Christ, and in Him and we have this breastplate of righteousness deliberately upon us, and our feet are shod with the Gospel of peace, it means we can go forth to the battlefield. We can stand against all kinds of enemy attack with the peace to see this extraordinary happening that wins people to Christ, when many realize there is something about our life that is different. What is it? How can you have peace in the midst of such a terrible hour of such world distress? So put on that armor. I want you to get used to putting on that armor.

We read that not only are we to stand and have, but we are to take. In this same passage of **Ephesians 6**, it says –

16 ...taking the shield of faith...The shield of faith, the gift from God, is yours for the asking.

17 And take the helmet of salvation...All my mind! All my soul – no quick fixes of what to do! Let the Lord cover my head as I put on that helmet of salvation!...**and the sword** is to worship God, believing in **the Word**. How does that work out? In verse 16 we

read – **Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith we shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.**

Will you take that portion? Will you read that portion? Will you today, if you are able on your knees, say, Lord, I want to understand putting on this whole armor. I have been so knocked around by the enemy. I want to believe You to cover every part of me, because You are every part of me. You are my truth and You are my breastplate and You are my peace. You are all these things. It is Your righteousness and You give the faith Lord. You are the sword of the Spirit and I worship and I praise You.

Will you be willing to say today – Yes, Lord, I deliberately enlist as a soldier of the Cross, and I will learn to put on that armor and rejoice that I am in the army of the Lord and Christ lives in me and He is the Victor!

In Jesus' Name. Amen