



Part 5

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. (Ephesians 6:10-13)

I. Review

Belt of Truth - *Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,* (Ephesians 6:14)

 Temptations **TRIP** us up.

Breastplate of Righteousness *with the breastplate of righteousness in place,* (Ephesians 6:14)

 The **HEART** - which represents the center of logic, thinking.

 The **BOWELS** - which represents the center of emotion.

Shoes fitted with the Gospel of Peace

The word "Gospel" means **GOOD NEWS**

 The **STABILITY** of Peace

II. Bad News – **GOOD NEWS**

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. (Ephesians 6:16, NIV)

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III. The Shield of **FAITH**

The Roman Soldier typically carried two types of shields:

1. Small **ROUND** shield
2. Large **WOODEN** plank

IV. The **ENEMY**

1. His **CHARACTER**

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2. His **WEAPONS**

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- **TEMPTATION**
- **FEAR**
- **LUST**
- **SUFFERING**
- **PRIDE**
- **ACCUSATION**

V. Faith as **ARMOR**

1. Faith Produces **PROTECTION**

and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. (Exodus 2:2-3, NIV)

2. Faith Produces **OBEDIENCE**

One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. Glancing this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. (Exodus 2:11-12, NIV)

3. Faith Produces **GOD'S FAVOR**

And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt. (Exodus 3:9-10, NIV)

4. Faith produces **POWER**

(Exodus chapters 7-11)

5. Faith produces the **ABILITY TO STAND**

As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!" (Exodus 14:10-12, NIV)