

# STAND READY IN TRUTH

Ephesians 6:10-13 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. NIV

**This is not rocket science.**

**All of these armor pieces have been talked about already.**

**Belt of truth** buckled around your waist

Ephesians 1:13a And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. NIV

Ephesians 4:14b-15 We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. <sup>15</sup> Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. NLT

Ephesians 4:20-21 That, however, is not the way of life you learned <sup>21</sup> when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.

**Breastplate of righteousness** in place

Ephesians 4:23-24 [You were taught] to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

**Feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace**

Ephesians 2:14-18 For [Christ Jesus] himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup> by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the



cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Ephesians 3:6-7 This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power.

**Shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one

Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. NIV

Ephesians 3:12 In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. NIV

**Helmet of salvation**

Ephesians 1:13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit NIV

Ephesians 2:5 [God] made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved. NIV

Sword of the Spirit, which is the **word of God**.

Ephesians 5:25-27 ...Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. NIV

**We need to live in them now.**

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. NIV