

Ephesians

(29) Belt of Truth and Breastplate of Righteousness

Eph.6:14-18 ESV (*emphasis added*)

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¹⁵ **and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.**

¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,

20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Stand firm then...

What is the *first* piece of armor God has given believers? **6:14a; 4:17; Jn.8:44; IICor.2:11, 11:14**

And what is one of the most critical truths you need? **Rom.10:8-13; IJn.1:8-10; IICor.13:5**

Where is TRUTH available? **Jn.14:6; 17:13-21; Ps.119:151; Pr.3:3; IITim.3:16-17**

What happens when a lie breaks our belt of truth? And the solution? **Ps.32:1-7; Ps.51:1-9**

What is the next piece of armor God has given to us? **6:14b; IICor.5:21; Eph.4:24; IThess.5:8**

So how does the breastplate of righteousness become personal? **6:14b; IICor.5:18-21; Gal.2:20**

And how do we often fail to use His righteousness? **IJn.1:5-10**

Now what is the next piece of armor? **6:15; Isa.52:7; Rom.10:15; Lu.15:22; IICor.5:18-21**

Describe this Peace. **Jn.16:33; Rom.1:7, 8:6, 15:33, 16:20; IICor.13:11; Col.3:15; IIThess3:16**

How does this peace manifest itself? **Gal.5:22; IICor.12:11**

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What is the *first* piece of armor God has given believers? **6:14a; 4:17; Jn.8:44; IICor.2:11, 11:14**

It is the belt of truth buckled around your waist. The truth holds everything together!

And what is one of the most critical truths you need? **Rom.10:8-13; IJn.1:8-10; IICor.13:5**

Your personal salvation. Doubt here is a fatal opening. Call on Him; Confess your sins!

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Every jot / tittle of the Word of God are Truth. We need to be saturated with the Word.

What happens when a lie breaks our belt of truth? And the solution? **Ps.32:1-7; Ps.51:1-9**

We're open to attack and God's discipline! Solution...Repent, confess, and put the belt on!

What is the next piece of armor God has given to us? **6:14b; IICor.5:21; Eph.4:24; IThess.5:8**

It's the breastplate of righteousness. Christ put on this breastplate, Is.59:17, Mt.4:1-11

So how does the breastplate of righteousness become personal? **6:14b; IICor.5:18-21; Gal.2:20**

This is recognizing that IN HIM, we have His righteousness! We are to live righteously!

And how do we often fail to use His righteousness? **IJn.1:5-10**

When we live unrighteous, in unconfessed sin, we are open to demonic attack! Confess!

Now what is the next piece of armor? **6:15; Isa.52:7; Rom.10:15; Lu.15:22; IICor.5:18-21**

It is having shoes (readiness to move, travel) with the Gospel (good news) of Peace w/God!

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It is the peace between God and believers. It is our peace with others by being IN HIM!

How does this peace manifest itself? **Gal.5:22; IICor.12:11**

It is a 'fruit of the Holy Spirit'! Comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace!

And how do we take this Gospel of Peace to the lost? **6:15; IPet.3:15**

We take it by our 'walk', the way we live. Always ready to share the Gospel of Peace!