

## Armor of God-Girdle of Truth

Ephesians 6:10-18

<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, ***be strong in the Lord***, and in the power of his might.

<sup>11</sup> ***Put on the whole armour of God***, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> Wherefore take unto you the ***whole armour of God***, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having your ***LOINS GIRT ABOUT WITH TRUTH***, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

<sup>15</sup> And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

<sup>16</sup> Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

<sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

<sup>18</sup> Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

In this section we will discuss the first piece of our spiritual armor. Make no mistake, this armor is **NOT** physical but spiritual and has to do with understanding doctrines. The armor is divided into 2 groups. One set of the armor is attached to you which carries the connotation to **HAVE**: The Gospel shoes of Peace, The Breastplate of Righteousness, and the Belt of Truth. The pieces of the armor that are not attached and carries the connotation to **TAKE** is as follows: The Helmet of Salvation, The Shield of Faith, and the Sword of the Spirit. All the pieces are defensive in nature to protect us in battle. The Sword of the Spirit is our only offensive weapon. Imagine viewing this with the eyes on the Roman Soldier as we go through this. When a Roman soldier would take a break from battle, He would remove his helmet, shield, and sword. The breastplate, the shoes and the belt would stay on. When the trumpet was sounded to resume battle, he would then

don the helmet, shield, and sword for battle. The purpose of the belt for the soldier was to hold up their robes. When donning their gear for battle, they would “*girt*” or roll up their robes from the ground so high and then cinch it into place so that it would not fall with a belt. If they did not have this belt on and the robe was allowed to touch the ground, they might have tripped over it in battle. So this was the use of the belt for the Roman soldier. This belt made them **READY** for battle having their robe rolled up.

For us, this belt carries the connotation of “*being ready*”. This readiness is shown in the following verses:

### **Exodus 12:9-11**

<sup>9</sup> Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.

<sup>10</sup> And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

<sup>11</sup> And thus shall ye eat it; **with your LOINS GIRDED, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand**; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD's passover.

Here, the Jews were commanded to “*be ready*” the night of the Passover to leave Egypt. Again see here:

Luke 12:35 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>35</sup> Let your **LOINS BE GIRDED** about, and your lights burning;

For us, as a Christian Soldier, we are to be ready (***Spiritually***) with the Word of Truth. This is NOT speaking about a physical belt with the Word of Truth (***Scriptures***) hanging there. Remember, this armor is **SPIRITUAL!** So how do we go about being ready **SPIRITUALLY?** The answer to this question is found here:

### **1 Peter 1:13**

<sup>13</sup> Wherefore **GIRD UP THE LOINS OF YOUR MIND, BE SOBER**, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

We gird our mind with the **FULL TRUTH (Genesis to Revelation)** and wisdom in the Lord and not the partial truth:

## **John 8:31-32**

<sup>31</sup> Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

<sup>32</sup> And ***ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.***

Notice this does not say partial truth. We are to know the **FULL TRUTH**. One can only know the full truth from Genesis to Revelation if they rightly divide the Word correctly:

## **2 Timothy 2:15**

<sup>15</sup> **STUDY** to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH.**

Rightly dividing the Word of Truth will have our loins girt about with truth and prepared for battle. This is a spiritual in nature which is why our mind needs to be “sober” with the knowledge of the full truth from Genesis to Revelation to combat “*the wiles of the Devil*”. Rightly dividing the Word makes us ready for this battle because as you will soon see, this battle is spiritual and against the doctrines. I pray this has opened the many eyes that read this! Stay blessed!