

The Whole Armor of God



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II. The Whole Armor of God – Sessions 3-8 – Parts 2A-1 to 2F

F. **The Sword of the Spirit – Session 8 – Part 2F - [Ephesians 6:17](#) says, "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."** The sword of the Spirit is the Word of God. But the Belt of Truth and the Shield of Faith are also the Word. How are they different?

- **First, the sword is both a defensive and offensive weapon. You don't "put on" the sword and helmet, you "take" them.**
- **The second difference is uncovered by a word study. The Greek word in [Ephesians 6:17](#) for "word" is *rhema*. It refers to the spoken Word. When we put on the Belt of Truth or the Shield of Faith we put on the "logos," the entirety of Scripture. Using the sword of the Spirit requires quoting individual verses or passages as the Spirit brings them to mind when they are needed. If we hide God's Word in our hearts, as we are attacked the Holy Spirit brings to mind a specific verse or passage of Scripture that we can use to defeat the devil. **The Greek word for "sword" is *machaira*. It means a knife or dirk, a short sword used by Roman soldiers in hand-to-hand combat.** Its use required skill and practice. God's armor places the sword of truth in the scabbard hung from the belt of truth: individual verses held in the whole of His Word. The belt held the breastplate of righteousness in place. God has a plan that we can tap into to win this spiritual warfare.**

In [Luke 4:1-13](#), Jesus used specific Scriptures to defeat Satan. It is critical that we are skilled in knowing and using the Word of God. **We must know how to test our thoughts and actions, comparing them to the plumb line of God's truth. We need to know which word to pull out to defeat Satan in each situation.**

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F. The Sword of the Spirit – Session 8 – Part 2F (continued) - As we mature in Christ our sword or knowledge of His Word grows. We begin with a small dagger and hopefully grow to a large two-handed sword that will defeat every wile of the devil. We must study to show ourselves an approved workman rightly dividing the Word.

It is also important to recognize and use the gifts of the Holy Spirit listed in [I Corinthians 12](#). Among those gifts are words of knowledge and prophecy. God desires to speak to each of us today. His spoken or *rhema* word has not passed away. But we must remember to test all things back to His written word.

May the peace of God guard your hearts and minds **ALWAYS!!!**

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Study Guide Goals:

- To understand the significance of the armor or weapons we have available to use in our daily life.

- To take responsibility for the use of these weapons.

To Think About:

According to [Ephesians 6:10-18](#), whom do we "wrestle against"? Do we have anything to use in our defense?

Why do we need this armor?

Where does this armor come from? List the six pieces of armor.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

If we use this armor, name three blessings which will be received.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

How do we "put on" this armor of God?

What are Satan's three objectives in this wrestling match?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



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Which piece of armor may well be the most important?

What does knowing truth do for a believer?

What must the believer use for a "plumb line" to establish truth?

What six truths are established for the believer in the [first three chapters of Ephesians](#)?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Describe the believer who has put on the belt of truth.

How do we put on the breastplate of righteousness?

How do we exhibit "identification with God"?

How do we remove sin in our lives?

What is a "forgiveness affidavit"?

What is the purpose of a forgiveness affidavit?

If we harbor sin in our lives and choose not to forgive others or ourselves what do we lose?

What article of armor does the Apostle Paul use to teach us about the gospel of peace?

How do we strap on spiritual shoes and put on the preparation of the gospel of peace?



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Why do we need our feet shod with the gospel of peace?

How do we receive the gospel of peace?

What does [Ephesians 6:16-17](#) say will quench all the fiery darts of the wicked? How do we "take up" the shield of faith?

What does a person need to do with the shield of faith to make it effective against Satan's fiery darts?

List some of those fiery darts recorded in [I Corinthians 10:13-14](#); [II Corinthians 10:4-6](#); [James 1:13-15](#); [Romans 6:12](#); [I John 2:15-17](#).

How does [James 4:7](#) suggest we put on the shield of faith?

The next piece of armor is the helmet. What does the helmet assure to the enemy? What does the helmet symbolize?

What three aspects of salvation does the helmet demonstrate?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What happens at the time of justification?

When does sanctification take place? What is sanctification?

When does glorification happen?

How do we "take on" the helmet of salvation? What is the sword of the Spirit?

How does [Ephesians 6:17](#) use the Greek word "rhema"?



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How can we "take on" the sword of the spirit as a piece of armor?

List again all the pieces of armor, which God has given us for our battle against Satan.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Again, how do we "put on" this armor of God?

Can this armor be "put on" as a quick, magical exercise, or will it take a longer, more disciplined period of time?

What will be the results and benefits of spending a longer period of time in God's Word?

Personal Responsibility:

Honestly examine yourself whether you are effectively using each and every piece of armor regularly.

Application:

- Write a letter of commitment to spend time in God's Word. Then devise a plan to implement this commitment. Make yourself accountable to someone.
- Write a prayer of thanks to God for each piece of armor and explain how you will use it for His glory as well as your protection.