

Get Dressed For War!

Every Christ follower is involved in a spiritual battle with a real enemy! [Eph. 6:12](#)

Our strength comes from God for fighting the battle. [Ephesians 6:10](#)

Our ability to resist and stand firm is tied to being dressed for war! [Eph. 6:11, 13](#)

The first three pieces are meant to be always worn. [Ephesians 6:14-15](#)

The last three pieces should always be ready for use in the conflict. [Eph. 6:14-15](#)

We must be ready to take up the...

Shield of faith

- The Roman soldier, on the front lines, carried a large shield, two and a half feet wide by four and a half feet high that protected the entire body.
 - Made with solid wood and covered with heavy oiled leather or metal.
 - Soldiers stood on the front line, side by side, for up to a mile wide.
 - The enemy shot flaming arrows in that would be stopped and even extinguished by shields saturated in water.
- Satan fires flaming arrows, temptations, at believers.
 - Ultimately, every temptation is a call to doubt God.
- Faith always requires an object, the thing or person we trust.
 - We exercise faith in objects that aren't always reliable in our everyday lives.
 - For Christ followers, faith is the act of believing and trusting God. [Heb. 11:6, 8](#)
- When we trust God, the flaming arrows of temptation are deflected or extinguished! [I John 5:4; Proverbs 3:5-6](#)

Helmet of salvation

- The Roman soldier wore a helmet made of heavy leather with pieces of metal or one of molded metal to protect his head.
- The helmet of salvation...
 - The "helmet" reminds us that the attack is in the mind.
 - "of salvation" indicates that the attack is on our assurance of security.
- The enemy uses the weapon of doubt to neutralize Christ followers.
- Putting on the helmet of salvation is believing what God says about our relationship with Him! [John 10:27-29; Romans 8:1, 14-17, 29-30; Eph. 1:13-14](#)

Sword of the Spirit

- The Roman soldier carried a sword that was from six to eighteen inches long, used in hand to hand combat.
- The believer has a sword...
 - "of the Spirit" or originating from the Holy Spirit, the Author. [John 14:17, 26](#)
 - "the word of God" is the specific Scripture that is needed currently!
 - Jesus' temptation is our example... [Matthew 4:1-11](#)
- God's Word is...
 - Inspired: [II Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:21](#); inerrant & infallible: [Ps. 19:7-9; Prov. 30:5-6](#)
 - Authoritative: [Isaiah 1:2a](#); Effective: [Isaiah 55:11; Heb. 4:12-13](#)
 - To be obeyed! [James 1:21-25](#)