



Lesson 20

## DRESSING FOR BATTLE

“take unto you the whole  
armour” (v13)

Ephesians 6:14-17

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# DISCOVERING THE RICHES



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Exploring today's lesson

- ⊙ A two-fold emphasis
  - The **necessity** of the full set of armor
  - Unique **value** of each piece
- ⊙ Is **prayer** a piece of armor?
- ⊙ Is the armor for offence or defense?
- ⊙ 2 Cor. 10:4

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Outlining today's lesson

- I. **Truth** – the belt
- II. **Righteousness** – the breastplate
- III. **Gospel** – the boot
- IV. **Faith** – shield
- V. **Salvation** – helmet
- VI. **Scripture** - sword

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## The Belt of Truth

- Truth defends against **deception**.
- Truth is an **integrating** force for the believer.
- Truth is the foundation for **discernment**.





# **A Discussion Point**

**How has our society blurred the lines of truth?**

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## The Breastplate of Righteousness

- Righteousness defends against **accusations**.
- Righteousness means “to be **right** with God.”
- Righteousness involves **faith & love** (1 Thess. 5:8)
- Righteousness is our **sanctification**.



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## The Boot of the Gospel

- The gospel of peace
- The gospel: offensive or defensive?



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## The Shield of Faith

- Faith defends against doubt & unbelief.
- 1 Jn. 5:4 “victory that overcometh the world”
- Faith: salvation or daily living? (Mk 4:40; Rom. 1:17; 5:2; 1 Thess. 3:5)





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## The Helmet of **Salvation**

- The helmet is our **blessed hope**.
- A helmet protects the **mind**.
- 1 Thess. 4:18: the power of hope



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## The Sword of **Scripture**

- The necessary **role** of the Holy Spirit
- Heb. 4:12 (*logos*, but *rhema* here)
- Jesus demonstrated use of this armor.



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## Take Aways from today's lesson

- Satan targets our **weak** points.
- We must be **vigilant** as a soldier.
- There is no accommodation for **retreat**.
- With this armor we can **stand** and **withstand**.
- The armor in a single statement: “The way to spiritual power is to be filled with the Spirit.” (Ryrie, commenting on this passage)