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Living as Children of Light Part 6

Ephesians 6:10-18 Pg 829

Eph. 5:21–6:9

**“Submit to one another out of
reverence for Christ”**

***SUBMIT You Need to Learn to
Love this Word***

- It Sets Us Free from Bondage to Self in our Relationships
 - and Unleashes the Power of God in our Lives
- *Hupotasso* To Willingly Subordinate Oneself
- God Himself Modeled a Life of Submission for us
 - By God’s Grace I Choose to Put You First
- We Put Aside Our Own Agendas for God’s Agenda
 - and Say “Lord You ARE the Boss of Me”

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***“For Our Struggle is not against
Flesh and Blood”***

SPIRITUAL WARFARE The Invisible War

- **Raising Our Awareness To a Higher Alert Threat Level**
 - Unconventional and Unpredictable Spiritual Terrorism
- **Regaining Our Perspective It's a Dark World**
 - God's Restraining Grace through the Presence of the Holy Spirit
- **Resetting Our Expectations We are AT WAR**
 - Beware of Satan's 'Disinformation' Campaign
 - He is Actively Opposed to Anti Everything that God Values and Represents Including US

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What Does the Bible Tell Us About Satan?

***“The Adversary and Slanderer of
God and His People”***

***Created Being Fallen Angel Leading
other Fallen Angels***

- **Jesus** He's a Murderer and a Liar John 8:44
- **John** He's our Accuser – Day and Night Rev. 12:10
- **Paul** He's Smart Cunning Deceptive and a Fraud (2 Cor. 2 & 11)
- **Peter** He is a Ruthless and Relentless Enemy (1 Peter 5:8)

***Is Your Picture Becoming Any Clearer
Don't look for a Red Suit or a Pitchfork***

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“*What Do We Learn from Satan’s Attack on Christ*”
Satan’s Strategy Plan of Attack

- **There’s No Time Like the Present**
- **Exploit All Known Human Weaknesses 1 John 2:16)**
 - **Physical Need Low Cost Instant Gratification Personal Gain**
- **He Doesn’t Give Up Easily**

The Power and Absolute Authority of Gods Word

→ **Hebrews 4:12 – “Living and Active” Quick and Powerful**

→ **Jeremiah 23:29 – “Fire and Hammer”**

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***Full Armor of God – His Provision
for Our Protection***

***STANDING BE STRONG PUT ON PRAY
BE ALERT***

- Defensive vs Offensive Position Posture
 - We Fight from a Position of Victory
- Using God's Resources Not Our Own
 - His Mighty Power that Overcomes Resistance
- Stand Steadfast Holding Your Ground Maintaining Your Position
 - Sense of Urgency in the Face of Determined Opposition
- Full Armor Not Some of It Not Some of the Time

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***“For Our Struggle is not against
Flesh and Blood”***

***Key Never Underestimate the Strength
of Your Enemy***

- Devil’s Schemes ‘Methodias’ Ingenious Strategies
- Spiritual Forces of Evil Organized Opposition
- Struggle ‘Wrestling’ Up Close and Personal
- Flaming Arrows Intended to Spread to Harm Others
- The Day of Evil ‘When Things are at their Worst’

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A CLOSER LOOK

Helmet

The iron helmet was forged from one piece of metal and lined with leather. Crests made of dyed horsehair indicated rank. Plates hung down along the cheeks and another plate protected the back of the neck and shoulders.

Breastplate

The iron or bronze scaled armor was built in four sections to cover each shoulder and side of the chest. The plates were sewn to a stiff leather vest, which was put on like a jacket before the front plates were tied with leather straps.

Sword

The sword was carried on the right side and hung from the belt or a leather strap over the shoulder.

Belt

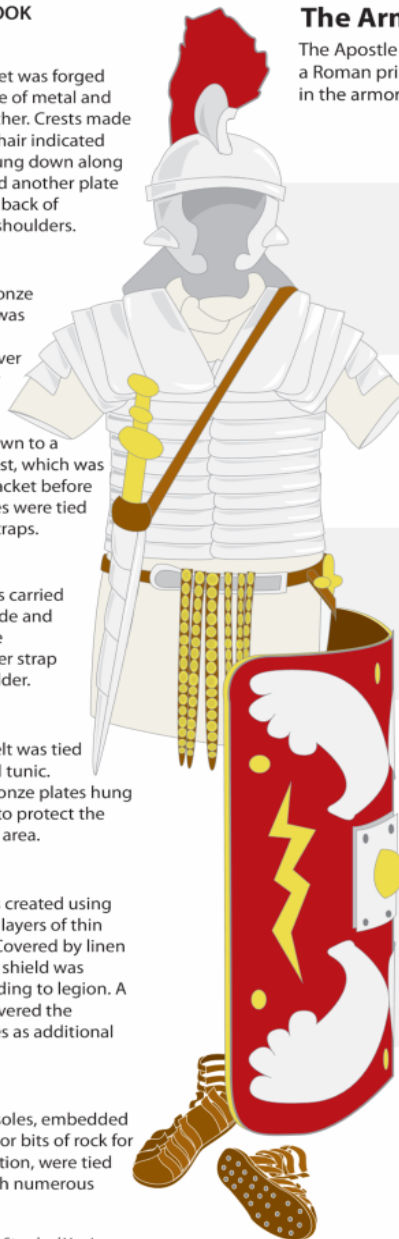
The leather belt was tied around a wool tunic. Connected bronze plates hung from the belt to protect the soldier's groin area.

Shield

The curve was created using three bonded layers of thin wood strips. Covered by linen or leather, the shield was painted according to legion. A bronze rim covered the rounded edges as additional protection.

Sandals

Thick leather soles, embedded with hobnails or bits of rock for increased traction, were tied to the feet with numerous leather straps.



The Armor of God

The Apostle Paul, inspired by God, wrote a letter to the church of Ephesus from a Roman prison. As he wrote, Roman soldiers guarding the prison walked about in the armor of first century legionary.

ARMOR OF LEGIONARY

Galea (Helmet)
Protected head and neck from enemy attacks

Lorica Segmentata (Breastplate)
Guarded vital organs

Gladius (Sword)
Powerful offensive weapon in the hand of a skilled soldier
Waving it served as a word of warning to the enemy

Cingulum (Girdle or Belt)
Supports sword, dagger and bronze apron
Worn at all times, even without other armor pieces

Scutum (Shield)
Overlapping shields allowed soldiers to advance together
Shield was used to defend the entire body, including the back

Caligae (Sandals)
Fit for both marching and fighting
Became more comfortable with constant wear

ARMOR OF GOD

Helmet of Salvation
"...and take on the helmet of salvation..." Ephesians 6:17a

Breastplate of Righteousness
"...and having put on the breastplate of righteousness..." Ephesians 6:14b

Sword of the Spirit, Word of God
"...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God..." Ephesians 6:17b

Belt of Truth
"Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth..." Ephesians 6:14a

Shield of Faith
"In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one..." Ephesians 6:16

Readiness/Preparation of the Gospel of Peace
"...and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace." Ephesians 6:15

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Full Armor of God and Satan's Countermeasures

- **Belt of Truth Supports Everything Else**
 - **Satan Actively Seeks to Promote False Teachings**
- **Breastplate of Righteousness Heart Protector**
 - **Satan Actively Seeks to Plant Unrighteous Thoughts in Our Hearts**
- **Gospel of Peace Sure Footing Good Grip**
 - **Satan Actively Seeks to Destabilize Us Promote Other Things**
- **Shield of Faith Neck to Thigh Trusting in God's Promises**
 - **Satan Actively Seeks to Plant Doubts and Isolate Us**

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Full Armor of God and Satan's Countermeasures

- **Helmet of Salvation Mind Protector Power over Sin**
 - **Satan Actively Seeks to Entice Us to Sin**
- **Sword of the Spirit Word of God Only Offensive Weapon**
 - **Satan Actively Seeks to Keep Us from God's Word and its Power**
- **Pray Always For *All the Lord's People***
 - **Satan Actively Seeks to Keep Us from Praying**

Luke 22:31-32 → “Satan has asked to sift you plural as wheat *But I have prayed for you*** that your faith may not fail”**

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Satan's Spiritual War Against Believers

“The Adversary and Slanderer of God and His People”

- ***Satan his Demons are Real and Formidable Foes***
- ***They are Defeated and their Days are Numbered***
- ***He is not Omniscient Omnipresent or Omnipotent***
- ***We Belong to God and have been given Divine Resources by God to protect us from his attacks...***

→ BUT YOU HAVE TO PUT ON AND WEAR YOUR PROTECTIVE ARMOR EVERY DAY

→ 2 Corinthians 10:4 – “Demolition of a Fortified Castle”

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This Week's Plan → PUT ON and STAND

***“Divine Power to Demolish
Strongholds” 2 Cor 10:4***

1 Be Aware and Be Prepared

- ***By Putting On the Full Armor that God has Provided***
- ***By Sharpening Your Sword thru a Steady Diet of God's Word***

2 Stay Alert

- ***Expect the Attacks Don't be Caught Off Guard***
- ***Be Pro Active and PreEmptive Hide God's Word in Your Heart Now***

3 Then Stand

- ***In the Power of His Might***
- ***Don't Try to Stand Alone***

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