

## 6. THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

The sword works on us in two ways:

1. The sword works \_\_\_\_\_ us.

2. The sword works \_\_\_\_\_ us.

Psalms 119:11 (NLT)

*"I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."*

## EPHESIANS 6:18 (NIV)

*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. Which this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."*

The Holy Spirit:

Leads us into all truth which sets us free (John 16:23; 8:32)

Convicts us of sin (John 16:8)

Empowers us to be witnesses for Jesus (Acts 1:8)

Gives us faith to declare that Jesus is Lord (1 Corinthians 12:3)

Assures of our salvation (Romans 8:16)

Inspired the whole Bible (2 Timothy 3:16)



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Ephesians: Progressing, prospering & growing through Jesus & His Church



## WEEK 5: THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

DEFINITION OF "THRIVE": To \_\_\_\_\_ vigorously, to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ towards a goal despite the circumstances

## EPHESIANS 6:10-17 (NIV)

*"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor for God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth. Buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."*

## 1. THE BELT OF TRUTH

John 14:6 (NLT)

*"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."*

The truth is what \_\_\_\_\_ says. Lies are what \_\_\_\_\_ says.

Truth is not \_\_\_\_\_. Truth is \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Our \_\_\_\_\_ gets credited as righteousness.

Romans 3:22 (NIV)

*"The righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to **all** who believe."*

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

*"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."*

Righteousness is being \_\_\_\_\_ before God.

Psalms 37:23-24 (KJV)

*"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighted in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand."*

Confidence without awareness is \_\_\_\_\_.

Awareness without confidence is \_\_\_\_\_.

## 3. SHOES FITTED WITH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

The "Gospel of Peace" is the good news about \_\_\_\_\_ accomplished in our lives.

Romans 16:20 (NIV)

*"The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you."*

We \_\_\_\_\_ the good news to wear the gospel of peace like shoes.

Isaiah 52:7 (NIV)

*"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace..."*

## 4. THE SHIELD OF FAITH

Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)

*"Faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen."*

Faith is trusting in \_\_\_\_\_ above all else.

## 5. THE HELMET OF SALVATION

Watch your thoughts, they become words.

Watch your words, they become actions.

Watch your actions, they become habits.

Watch your habits, they become character.

Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.

Choose to think about \_\_\_\_\_.

Choose to think about \_\_\_\_\_.

James 4:7 (KJV)

*"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."*