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## “PUTTING ON CHRIST”

*Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:14-17 ESV*

**This armor is our grace-given ability to fulfill God’s will on earth. What does it mean to “PUT ON” the whole armor of God? It means to PUT ON CHRIST?**

- *But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. Romans 13:14 ESV*

It means:

- **I no longer live FOR MYSELF:**
  - *“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20 ESV*
- **I no longer fulfill the desires of MY FLESH, but live according to the SPIRIT.**
  - *“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh (the sinful nature).” Galatians 5:16 ESV*

- **I put on the NEW NATURE!**

- *(to) Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24 ESV*

**(and) As shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel (good news) of peace. Ephesians 6:15 ESV** ● Be a **Bearer of Peace** - (Shalom: wholeness, completeness, health, safety, harmony, and prosperity).

- *“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.” Matthew 5:9 ESV*

- Always **Be Prepared** - Stay ready

- *Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching. 2 Timothy 4:2-3a ESV*

**In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Ephesians 6:16 NLT**

- Faith shows the **REALITY** of what we hope for; IT is the **EVIDENCE** of things we cannot see. Hebrews 11:1 NLT ●

*Abraham never wavered in believing God’s promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. He was **FULLY CONVINCED** that God is able to do whatever he promises. Romans 4:20-21 NLT*

**Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:17 NLT**

- Our **COMPLETE** Salvation is **JESUS** (Yeshuah - H3444) *But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your **SALVATION**. Psalm 13:5 ESV*
  - *God has put all things under Christ’s power and has made Him to be the **HEAD** leader over all things of the church. Ephesians 1:22 NLT*
- Jesus **IS** the **WORD OF GOD!**
  - *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with*

*God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning*

*with God. **John 1:1-2 ESV***

Next Steps:

- Realize that it is MY responsibility to “PUT ON” the Armor.
- Make Jesus LORD over ALL my life.