

A series of Bible Messages

on

“The full armo(u)r of God”

(Ephesians chapter 6, verses 10 to 20)

## The full armor of God

Summarise this series of Bible messages:

- Started by Roger Weir on 31 Dec 2023 - Introduction & summary of the whole letter sent by the Apostle Paul to the church at Ephesus.
  - 7 Jan – David “the belt of truth”
  - 14 Jan – Philip Weldon “The sword of the Spirit”
  - 21 Jan – John Goh “The shield of Faith”
  - 28 Jan – Colin Winrow (me) “The breastplate of Righteousness”
  - 4 Feb – Ps Renzo Munster (VCA) “The helmet of Salvation”
  - 11 Feb – Keith Goh ”with your feet fitted with the Readiness that comes from the Gospel of Peace.”
- 18 Feb – Alan Driver “The Conclusion”

# Spiritual Warfare

Paul warned the believers in Ephesus that they were in a spiritual battle against unseen forces of darkness. They were struggling against evil powers that were scheming to destroy them. They had to stand firm against the devil and the powers that attack Christians, their families, and their churches. The enemy (the devil) is clever and tries to attack in many ways—sometimes directly and sometimes in ways that are more subtle (2 Cor. 11:14–15).

For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

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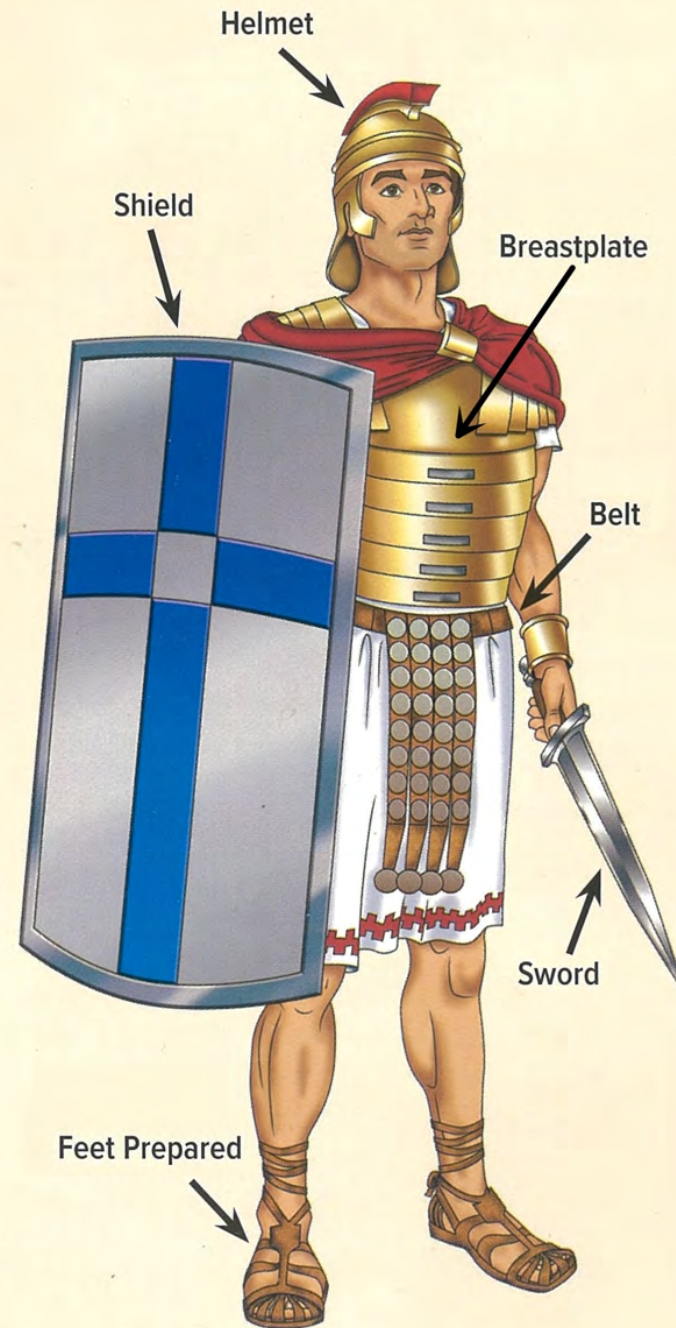
- Paul links some very important concepts (in our spiritual daily battle with evil forces) to items worn, or used, by Roman soldiers.
- Why did he do that?

Paul wrote the book of Ephesians from Rome in Italy to the church of Ephesus in Asia.



A diagram of a Roman soldier –

Showing the name of each section of his armour.



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## Paul's List of 'spiritual concepts'

**Truth**

**Righteousness**

**Readiness**

**Faith**

**Salvation**

**Word of God**

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## Paul's List of 'concepts' linked to items on Soldier

**Truth**

**Righteousness**

**Readiness**

**Faith**

**Salvation**

**Word of God**

**Belt**

**Breastplate**

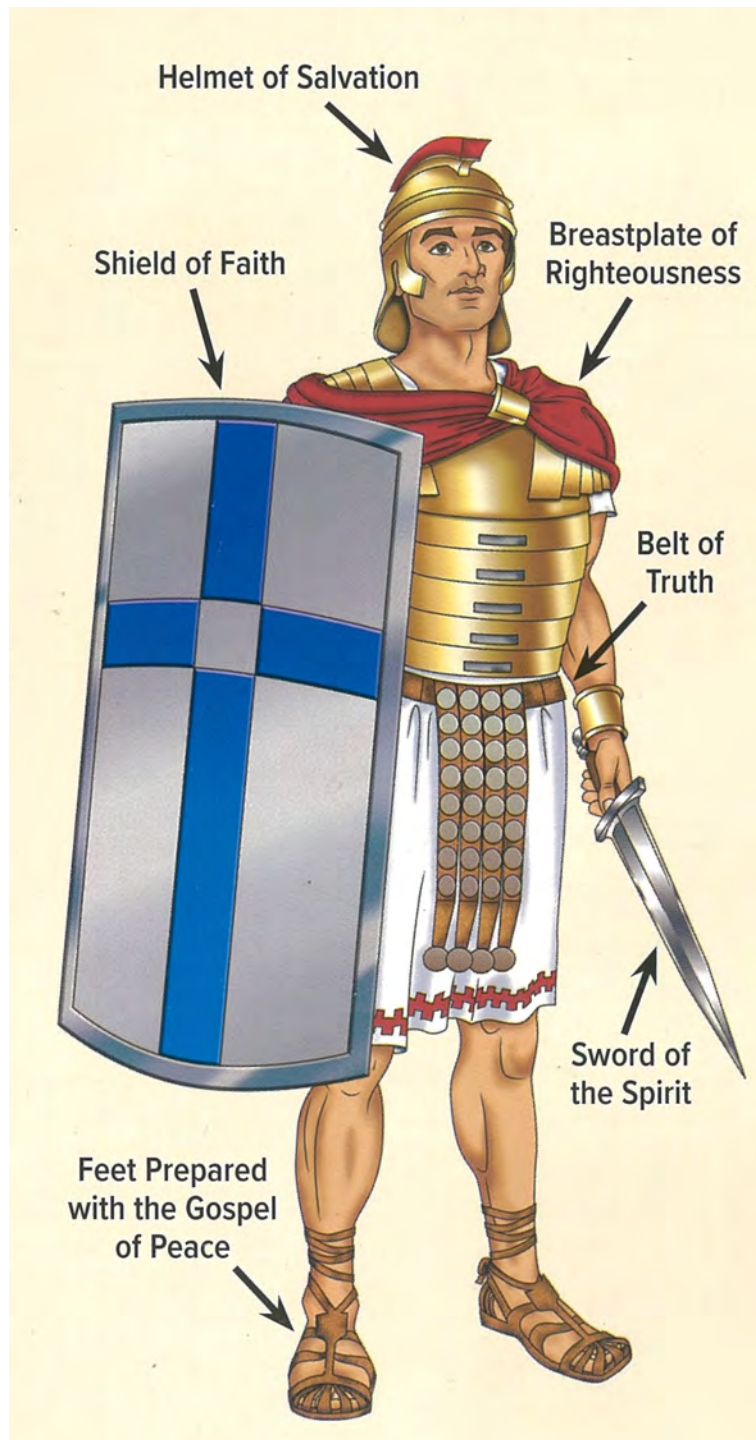
**Feet/Shoes**

**Shield**

**Helmet**

**Sword**





## A Roman soldier

... now showing the name of each section of his armour, **plus** the spiritual gifts which the Apostle Paul wants us to think about, and use.

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- Today's topic (part of verse 14):–

“with the breastplate of righteousness in place,”

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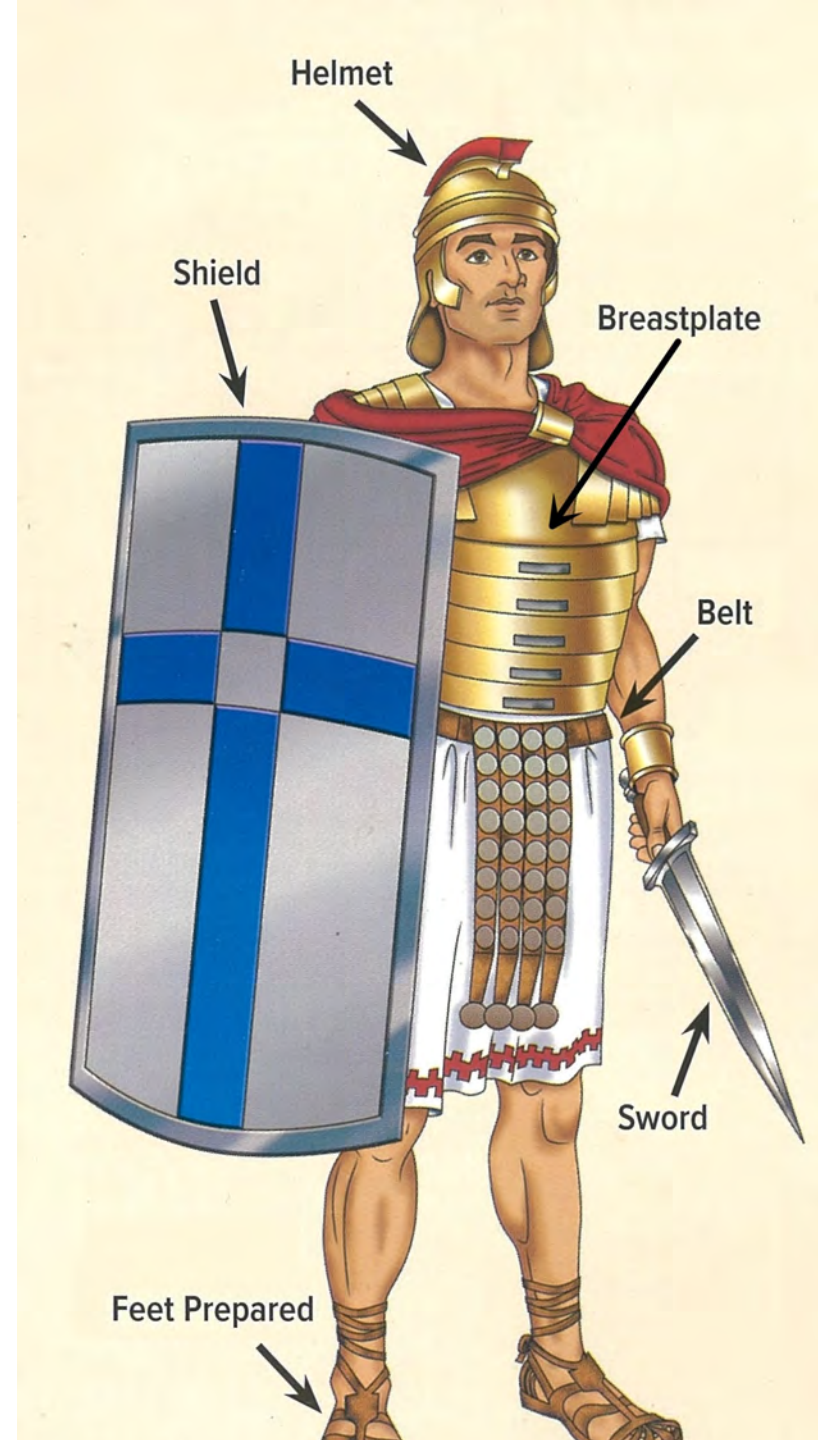
- Two main words:

“with the **breastplate of righteousness** in place,”

- Many of us may need these 2 words explained more!

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1. Firstly, what is a “breastplate”?
2. What does it protect?



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- 2. What is “Righteousness”
  - Right (not wrong) (this is a ‘beginning’ concept)
    - Righteous (an adjective); (beware of being ‘self-righteous’)
    - Righteousness (a noun)

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- 2. What is “Righteousness”

It's the Lord Jesus Christ !!!

<b>DEVIL'S SCHEMES</b>	<b>GOD'S PLAN</b>	<b>BIBLE VERSES</b>
"Me first"	God first	Matthew 6:33
Lies	Truth	Proverbs 14:25
Fear	Love	1 John 4:18
Discouragement	Confidence, strength	Deuteronomy 31:8
Anger	Patience	2 Timothy 2:24
Condemning others	Forgiving others	Colossians 3:12–13
Powered by alcohol	Powered by the Holy Spirit	Ephesians 5:18
Complaining	Contentment	Philippians 2:14
"My way"	God's way	Proverbs 16:25
Death	Life	John 5:24
Gossip	Confidentiality	Proverbs 20:19
Regret and shame	God's forgiveness	Acts 3:19
Greed	Giving	Luke 12:15–21
Cursing	Blessing your enemies	Luke 6:28
Revenge	Forgiveness	Matthew 6:14–15
Hateful talk	Encouragement	Ephesians 4:29
Self-pity	Songs of praise	Ephesians 5:19–20
Laziness	Diligence	Proverbs 12:24
Selfishness	Selflessness	Philippians 2:4
Irresponsibility	Dependability	Proverbs 14:14

