Equipping a Generation on Purpose pt7

Equipped with Spiritual Armor

Ephesians 6:10-18/Ephesians 4:11-12
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• RECAP

• Closer Look At The Term “Equipped
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• Closer Look At The Term “Equipped

Equipped in general means: providing someone all the necessary facilities for achieving a task

Katartismós – To make adequate. To make fully ready. Cause to be fully qualified

katartismós does not signify the process of being qualified but rather the process as already completed!
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• Closer Look At The Term “Equipped

We Equipped with

1. Power
2. Authority
3. Spiritual Armor
4. Gifts from the Godhead
5. The Holy Spirit
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The Differences In Our Equipping

**Power** (*dunamis*) – mean we are supernaturally equipped to effectively impact either a life or situation

**Authority** (*exousia*) - mean we are divinely delegated to take dominion over a life or situation

**Spiritual Armor** (*panoplia*) : we are spiritually equipped to withstand the enemy’s personal attacks & strategies.
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The Need for Spiritual Armor

- Spiritual Armor equips us to withstand/resist satan
- Spiritual Armor equips us for Spiritual Battles, Schemes & Strategies
- Spiritual Armor equips us to withstand any foe
- Spiritual Armor keeps us alert for attacks
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We are supposed to be aware of the enemy’s schemes 2Cor 2:11(NLT)

• ...so that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes.
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Our Spiritual Armor

• Belt of Truth

• Before a Roman soldier put on his armor, he put a belt around his waist. A soldier’s belt was necessary for holding his garments together and served as a place on which to hang the rest of his armor.

• Satan’s Tactic: Lies  Jn 8:44
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Our Spiritual Armor

• Belt of Truth

• Truth is the definitive reality of showing either something for what it really is or someone for who they really are and being able to totally trust in the authenticity of its/their revelation.
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Our Spiritual Armor

• Belt of Truth
  • God is the essence of truth \((\text{Rom } 3:4)\)
  • Jesus the Living Word is truth \((\text{Jn } 14:6)\)
  • The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth \((\text{Jn } 15:26)\)
  • Truth should be reflected in the character of his children \((\text{Ps } 145:18)\)
  • Any form of falsehood is condemned in Scripture \((\text{Col } 3:9)\)
  • \textit{Set them apart in the truth; your word is truth. Jn 17:17}
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Our Spiritual Armor

• Breastplate of Righteousness
  • A soldier relied on his breastplate to cover his vital organs

• Satan’s Tactic: Accusation 1Pet 5:8 (WNT)
  Satan Likes to Accuse us to God, ourselves & one another
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Our Spiritual Armor

• Breastplate of Righteousness
  • Righteousness is imputed (credited) to us from God and it allows us to stand before Him totally free from all accusations of our guilt.
  • We are free to walk in His righteousness
  • It covers our heart so we don’t have to feel any condemnation
  • It covers our front so we don’t have to feel guilty about moving forward
  • It covers our back so we don’t have to feel guilty about our pass
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Our Spiritual Armor

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. Rom 8:1
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Our Spiritual Armor
- Shoes prepared with the Gospel of Peace
- A soldier was prepared to take the battle to the enemy as well as stand his ground

Satan’s Tactic: Destruction  
Jn 10:10
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Our Spiritual Armor
• Shoes prepared with the Gospel of Peace

We must be prepared each day to share the Gospel of peace with a lost world. The most victorious Christian is a Christian willing to change a life or community with the power of the Gospel!
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• How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!” Isa 52:7

• But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect 1Pet 3:15 (NIV)

• These things I have spoken to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you shall have distress: but have confidence, I have overcome the world.

• Jn 16:33 (DRB)
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Our Spiritual Armor
• Shield of Faith
  • A soldier trusted in his shield and its capability to prevent him from serious injury

Satan’s Tactic: Unbelief  Lk 8:12
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Our Spiritual Armor
• Shield of Faith
• Faith requires total trust in God and in who He is

• And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Heb 11:6 (ESV)
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Our Spiritual Armor

• **Helmet of Salvation**
  • The helmet was key in the preservation of a soldier’s life. He knew that he could not take a blow to the head because it could impair his ability to think clearly while engaging the enemy in battle.

Satan’s Tactic: Blindness  

2Cor 4:4 (NLT)
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• **Helmet of Salvation**
  • Salvation is deliverance from a blinded or darkened mind! In other words, deliverance from our old way of thinking.

• **Repentance** (*metanoia*)—this word denotes a change of mind
  • In other words, change the way you think
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Our Spiritual Armor
• Helmet of Salvation

Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Eph 4:23 (NLT)

...for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. 2Cor 10:4-5 (NRSV)
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Our Spiritual Armor
- Sword of the Spirit
  - A soldier’s sword was his greatest weapon for close combat. Used properly it was capable of stopping the enemies advance or even preventing an imminent attack

Satan’s Tactic: Adversity  Matt 4:1-3
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Our Spiritual Armor

The Word of God (Sword)
Just like a soldier we must use the WORD to stop the devils advance and prevent an imminent attack on our lives.

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. *Jas 4:6*

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. *Heb 4:12*
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