

Ephesians

Dressed for
Success!



What Is It About?

The believer's wealth is described to help believers live in accordance with it.



Ephesians 1 (wealth)

- Riches (1)



- ◆ Riches described (1:1-14)

- ◆ Prayer for comprehension (1:15-23)

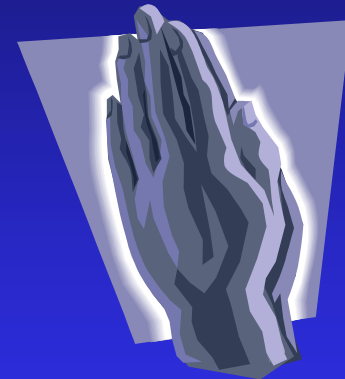
Ephesians 2–3 (wealth)

- Position (2–3)

- ◆ Individual (2:1-10)

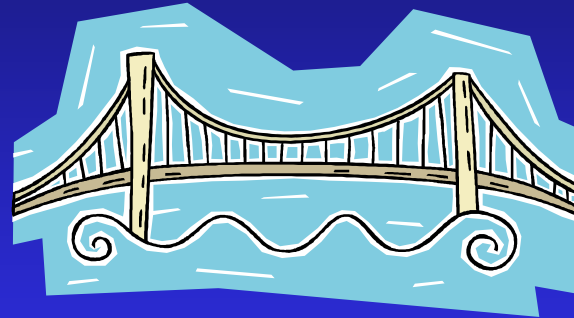
- ◆ Corporate (2:11–3:13)

- ◆ Prayer for comprehension (3:14-21)



What Is Inside?

1-3



4-6

ORTHODOXY

ORTHOPRAXY

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Practice

What Is Inside?

1–3

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Privileges

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Position and Practice



- Positional unity
 - ◆ Eph 2:11–3:13
- Practical unity
 - ◆ Eph 4:1-16

Position and Practice

- Positional holiness
 - ◆ Eph 1:4
- Practical holiness
 - ◆ Eph 4:17-32



Ephesians 5:1-17

- Walk of love (1-6)
- Walk of light (7-14)
- Walk of wisdom (15-17)



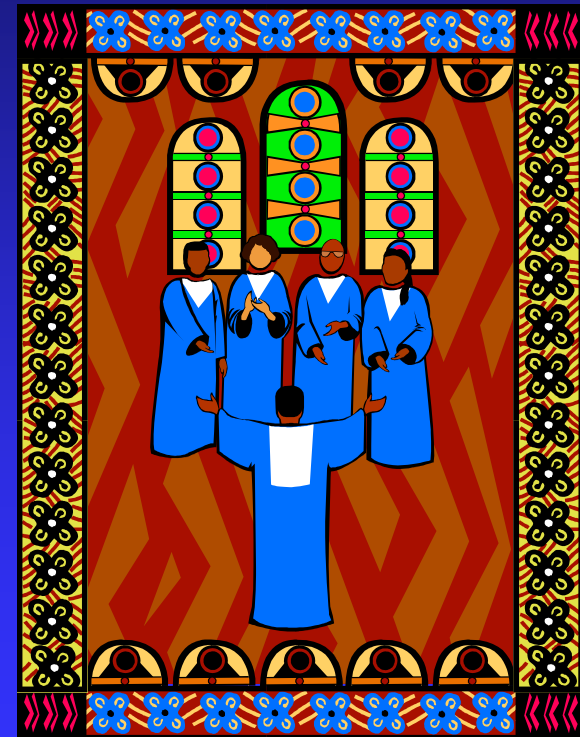
Ephesians 5:18-21

- Negative command (18a)
- Positive command (18b)
- Consequences (19-21)



Consequences of Spirit Control (19-21)

- Public worship (19a)
- Private worship (19b)
- Thanksgiving (20)
- Submission (21)



Submission (5:21-6:9)

- Submission (5:21)
- Marriage (5:22-33)
- Parent-child (6:1-4)
- Slave-master (6:5-9)



Walk of Warfare

- Ephesians 6:10-17
- Wealth makes us a target

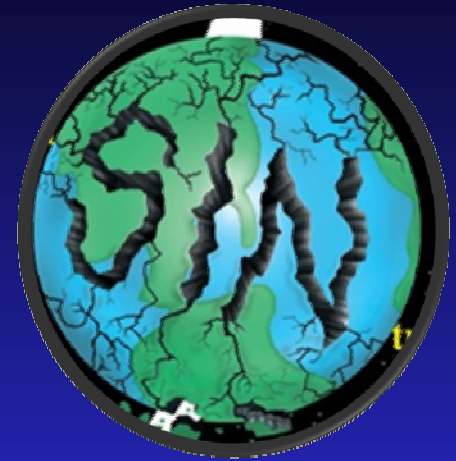


Three Dimensional Warfare

- Flesh
- World
- Devil



Flesh



- Adamic nature (Jer 17:9)
- Works of the flesh (Gal 5:19-21)
- New nature (2 Pet 1:4)
- Flesh is defeated but not annihilated

Victory Over The Flesh

- Our baptism into Christ (Rom 6)
- Obedience to the Adamic nature?
 - ◆ Before salvation: inevitable
 - ◆ After salvation: choice



World System



- *Kosmos*
- A system of philosophy which excludes God and alienates our affections from Him (1 John 2:15-17; 2 Tim 4:10)
- Satanically controlled and energized (2 Cor 4:4)

Victory Over The World System

- Mental Renewal (Rom 12:2)
- Acknowledgment of Christ in you (1 John 4:4)



Satan's Original Sin (Isaiah 14:12-15)

5 "I will" statements



Ascend to heaven (13)

Raise my throne above the stars of
God (13)

Sit enthroned on Mt. of Assembly (14)

Ascend above the tops of clouds (14)

Make myself like the Most High (14)

Satan's Original Sin (Isaiah 14:12-15)

Consequences

- 1) Fell (15)
- 2) Name changed from Lucifer (12) to Satan (Matt 16:23)
- 3) Banished from heaven (12)



Satan's First Sin (Ezekiel 28:12-17)

A. Attributes

- ◆ Creature (15)
- ◆ Angel (14, 16)
- ◆ Powerful (14)
- ◆ Without sin (15)
- ◆ Beautiful (12)
- ◆ Intelligent (12)

B. Nature of 1st sin (17)



Satan's Original State and First Sin



Consequences

- ◆ Fell (16-17)
- ◆ Retains some access to heaven (Job 1:6)
- ◆ Some angels fell with him (14)
- ◆ Fallen angels confirmed in wickedness (Matt 25:41)

Victory Over The Satanic System

- The sufficiency of the armor (Eph 6:16)



Ephesians 6:10-12

- Satanic problem
 - ◆ Satan's methods (11b)
 - ◆ Our struggle (12a)
 - ◆ Satan's structure (12b)
- God's solution: the armor (10-11a)



Ephesians 6:13

- Evil day (Eph 4:27; Luke 4:13)
- Our defensive posture
- Full armor



Satan's Progressive Defeat

- Initial eviction from heaven (Isa 14:12-15; Ezek 28:12-17)
- Eden (Gen 3:15)
- Cross (John 12:31; 16:11; Col 2:15; Heb 2:14; 1 John 3:8)
- Mid point of the Tribulation (Rev 12:9)
- Beginning of millennium (Rev 20:2-3)
- End of millennium (Rev 20:10)

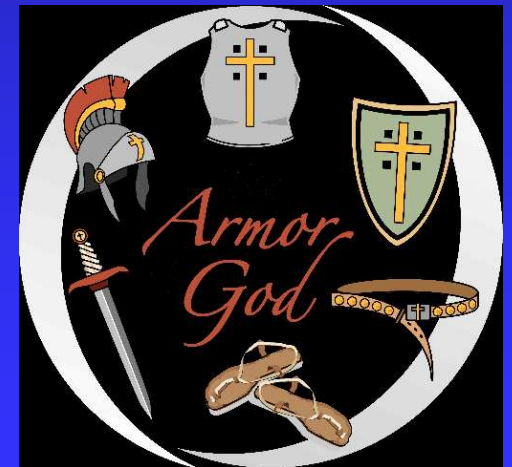


Observations About the Armor (Eph 6:14-17)

- Paul's imprisonment (Eph 3:1; 6:20; Philip 1:13)
- Soldier metaphor
- Six pieces of armor described
- Significance of the armor in the ancient world

6 Pieces of Armor (Eph 6:14-17)

- Belt of truth (14a)
- Breastplate of righteousness (14b)
- Sandals of peace (15)
- Shield of faith (16)
- Helmet of salvation (17a)
- Sword of the Spirit (17b)



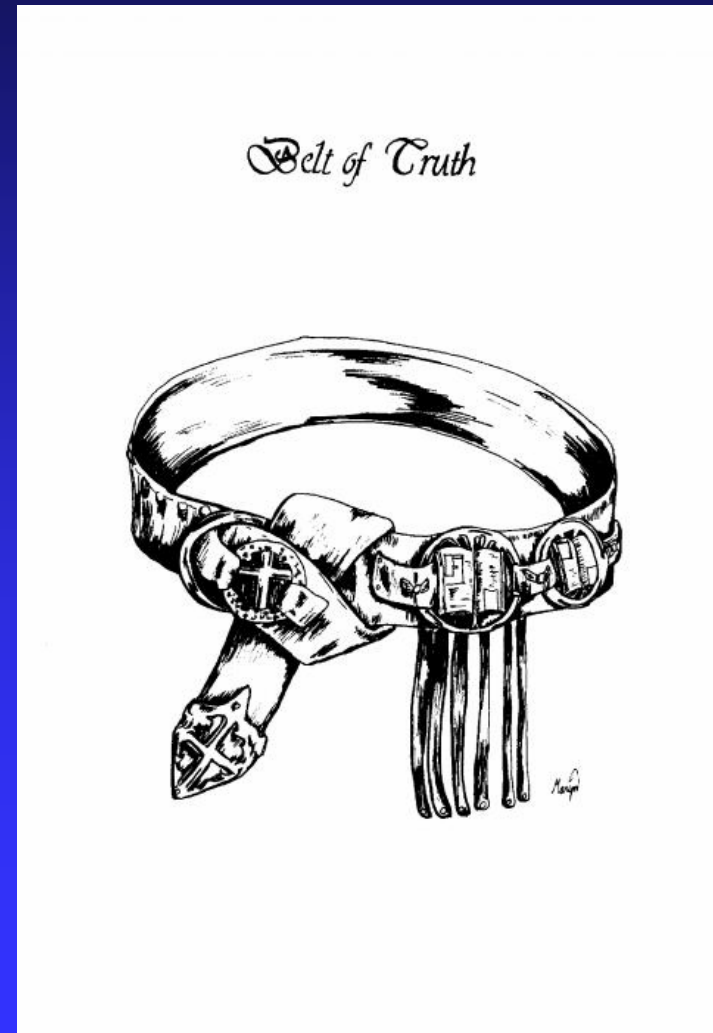
Observations About the Armor (Eph 6:14-17)

- Paul is reinforcing a prior concept
- Pieces mentioned in the order they are put on
- Command: to put on the armor
- Outline: description, represents, application

- **Six aspects of our weaponry will summarize the key concepts of the letter and call the church to action.**

Belt of Truth (Eph 6:14a)

■ Description



Belt of Truth (Eph 6:14a)

- Represent

- ◆ “Truth” used 6 times
 - ◆ Gospel (1:13; 4:21)
 - ◆ Doctrinal orthodoxy/stability (4:15)
 - ◆ Moral purity (4:24-25; 5:9)

Belt of Truth (Eph 6:14a)

- Definition

- ◆ Foundation of our defense is standing firm in the truth of God's Word as well as our personal integrity

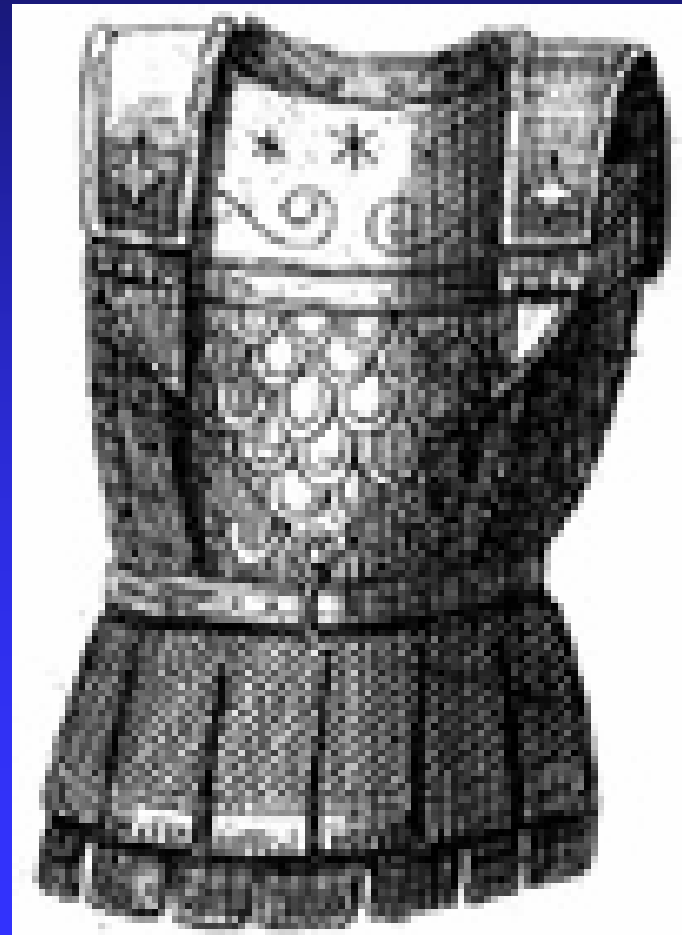
Belt of Truth (Eph 6:14a)

- Application

- ◆ Objective: Stand in the truth of God's Word
- ◆ Subjective: Personal integrity

Breastplate of Righteousness (Eph 6:14b)

- Description



Breastplate of Righteousness (Eph 6:14b)

- Represent

- ◆ “Righteousness” used 2 times
 - ◆ 4:29; 5:9
 - ◆ Practical righteousness

Breastplate of Righteousness (Eph 6:14b)

- Definition

- ◆ Our underlying protection includes our righteous character and deeds stemming from our positional righteousness

Breastplate of Righteousness (Eph 6:14b)

■ Application

- ◆ Live consistently with our position
- ◆ When we engage in a sinful or impure lifestyle we are vulnerable and can take an arrow through the chest

Sandals of Peace (Eph 6:15)

- Description



Sandals of Peace (Eph 6:15)

- Represent

- ◆ “Peace” used 7 times

- ◆ Positional peace (1:2; 6:23)

- ◆ Racial harmony (2:14, 15, 17)

- ◆ Unity (4:3)

Sandals of Peace (Eph 6:15)

- Definition

- ◆ Because we are at peace with God we should pursue peace and unity within the church

Sandals of Peace (Eph 6:15)

■ Application

- ◆ When we pursue unity in the church we are putting on the sandals of peace
- ◆ Negative example: Philip 4:2-3

Shield of Faith (Eph 6:16)

- Description



Shield of Faith (Eph 6:16)

- Represent

- ◆ “Faith” used 9 times

- ◆ Noun (1:15; 2:8; 3:12, 17; 4:5, 13; 6:23)

- ◆ Verb (1:13, 19)

- ◆ Content of what Christians believe

Shield of Faith (Eph 6:16)

- Definition

- ◆ Our confident trust in God's ways in order to withstand Satan's attacks

Shield of Faith (Eph 6:16)

■ Application

- ◆ Flaming arrows in the ancient world
- ◆ Examples of Satan's flaming arrows
- ◆ Our trust in God's ways extinguishes them all
- ◆ Unbelieving believer

Helmet of Salvation (Eph 6:17a)

- Description



Helmet of Salvation (Eph 6:17a)

- Represent

- ◆ “Salvation” used 1 time
 - ◆ Eph 1:13
 - ◆ Full ramification of salvation

Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

Helmet of Salvation (Eph 6:17a)

- Definition

- ◆ Maintaining confidence of our past, present, and future deliverance in the mist of battle

Helmet of Salvation (Eph 6:17a)

■ Application

- ◆ Confidence in the full ramifications of our salvation no matter what Satan throws at us that causes our assurance to wane
- ◆ John 10:28-29; Rom 8:35; Philip 1:6; 1 Pet 1:4-5

Sword of the Spirit (Eph 6:17b)

- Description



Sword of the Spirit (Eph 6:17b)

- Represent

- ◆ Communication by the Spirit through the Word of God

- ◆ 2 Pet 1:21

- ◆ Eph 1:8-9, 13, 17-18; 2:18; 3:5-6, 16

Sword of the Spirit (Eph 6:17b)

- Definition

- ◆ Specific skillful speaking and application of God's written revelation in order to overcome Satan's schemes

Sword of the Spirit (Eph 6:17b)

■ Application



- ◆ Positive example-Christ (Matt 4:1-11)
- ◆ Negative example-Eve (Gen 2:16-17; 3:2-3)

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