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Many of us do not know our value in God and God wants us to know who we are and how precious we are to Him. Many of us are struggling with our identity and destiny. Our spirit comes from God and is related directly to Him, and we enjoyed a perfect ordered relationship with Him. God moved upon man's spirit; man's spirit moved upon his soul; and his soul directed his body. Through the damaging effects of man's rebellion his spirit was compromised, and his soul took over control. As a result, unregenerate man is now controlled by the three functions of his soul: the will, the intellect, and the emotions. When God reconciles a person to Himself, His purpose is to restore the original order, by which He once again relates directly to the person's spirit, whose spirit in turn moves upon his soul, and the soul moves upon the body.

HOW TO WALK AND LIVE IN THE SPIRIT:

THE WEAPONS OF THE SPIRITUAL CHRISTAINS BELIEVER.

Paul describes the born-again believers as soldiers in the spirit realms engaged in spiritual warfare because soldiers arm themselves with weapons to enable them to position themselves to counterattack when the enemy tries to break through their stronghold. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, Ephesians 6:14. The belt of truth is not an actual belt with T-R-U-T-H carved into leather or blinged out with rhinestones, but rather a spiritual belt of truth. The entire armor of God is spiritual, not physical armor. Paul used this type of symbolic language to help the listeners understand what he was telling them. The church of Ephesus was familiar with the physical armor as there were many soldiers and warriors in their city and surrounding areas. Paul was able to connect what the Ephesians knew about armor and soldiers to the spiritual armor of God.

The Belt of Truth

The belt of truth is listed in [Ephesians 6:14a](#) as Paul says, "Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist." Paul tells us in this passage that we are to stand firm with the belt of truth around our waist. the belt of truth, as well as the other features of the armor of God all find their source of strength and purpose in God. God wants us to put on the armor

of God in order to take our stand against the devil ([Ephesians 6:10-11](#)). We can only be strong in the Lord when we are actively putting on the full armor of God in our daily lives.

By knowing the truth, we can abstain from listening to the lies of Satan and the lies of the world. Satan is said to be the "father of lies" and that "there is no truth in him" ([John 8:44](#)). Since Satan is also the "god" of this age ([2 Corinthians 4:4](#)), we can know with certainty that he is constantly promoting his lies through the teachings of the world. Satan and his demons are constantly trying to make us fall, feel bad about ourselves, and hinder our walk with Christ. One of the best ways they can do this is by tricking and deceiving us with lies.

This is why it is vital for us to actively put on the belt of truth. Putting on the belt of truth means that we are believing the truth, learning about the truth, and abiding in the truth. Jesus is ultimately the Truth ([John 14:6](#)); therefore, we need to actively walk with Him in our daily lives. The other aspects of the armor of God are important, yet they are ultimately useless without having the belt of truth. We must know the truth and apply it into our daily lives for all pieces of armor to function properly. The truth is found in Jesus and His Word, the Bible. The Bible is our ultimate source of truth, direction, and guidance. [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#) tells us, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work, the Bible contains everything we need to be equipped to serve God in our daily lives. We can trust every word of the Bible because it is the truth.

The next spiritual weapon is the breastplate of righteousness.

Breastplate of Righteousness Ephesians 6:14

Stand therefore having your loins girt about with truth and having on the Breastplate of Righteousness.

Grace saves every Christian through faith. It is not of our works of righteousness but is the gift of God lest we should boast. We shall be rewarded for our good work. We cannot earn salvation because we only find salvation in Jesus Christ.

Apostle Paul states there must be a covering over the heart because pride can corrupt it. Satan, the anointed cherub, became corrupted in his heart. He lifted himself high above his creator. Not knowing a supreme Creator created him, Satan thought his beauty and wisdom surpassed every creature in Heaven. We must understand that if the heart opens to the desires of the flesh, it becomes corrupt. The heart is a partial holder of life. We are supposed to cover ourselves by walking in love and pleasing God by faith. The righteousness

described here is the imputed righteousness of Christ Jesus. Our righteousness is insufficient in the sight of God. Christ's righteousness refers to His perfect state of being. His perfection is necessary because sin separates people from God. Imputed is a form of the word imputation that means to designate an action as reckoned or given to a person. In other words, the righteousness of Jesus is given to us when we believe in order to make us right before God.

'For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.' 2Corinthians 5:21.

We are to remain in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ as he becomes a mediator. The devil is the accuser of the brethren because he takes delight in pointing out our weakness every time we mess up. Look up to Jesus and confess that you are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Jesus Christ has become our shield and shelter. We can declare this scripture when we feel the enemy is accusing and accessing you.

Isaiah 54:17 'No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue *which* rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* from Me," says the LORD.

As you make Jesus your habitation, Holy Spirit increase your faith. As your faith increases, you will walk in victory. In contrast, others look down at their pitfalls because they lack the knowledge of the imputed righteousness given to all who believe in our Jesus Christ. remember that Jesus Christ is the author and the finisher of our faith.

The Apostle Paul describes the Breastplate of Righteousness as the imagery of an armed Roman or Israelite soldier, prepared for battle. A typical armed soldier wore a breastplate made of bronze or chain mail. It covered the vital organs, namely, the heart, and was fitted with loops or buckles that attached it to a thick belt. If the belt was loosened, the breastplate slipped right off.

When Paul compares the armor of God with military gear, each piece represents a part of God's strength that He extends to us when we become His children. The breastplate of righteousness refers to the righteousness purchased for us by Jesus at the cross For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Corinthians 5:21). At salvation, a "breastplate" is issued to each repentant sinner. It is specially designed by God to protect our heart and soul from evil and deception. Our own righteous acts are no match for Satan's attacks; But we are all like an unclean *thing*, And all our righteous nesses *are* like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away. (Isaiah 64:6). The breastplate of righteousness has Christ's name stamped on it, as though He said, "Your righteousness isn't sufficient to protect you. Wear mine."

We are instructed to "put on" this armor, which implies that we do not automatically wear it all the time. Putting on the armor of God requires a decision on our part. To put on the breastplate of righteousness, we must first have the belt of truth firmly in place. Without truth, our righteousness will be based upon our own attempts to impress God. This leads to

legalism or self-condemnation (Romans 8:1). We choose instead to acknowledge that, apart from Him, we can do nothing (John 15:5). We see ourselves as “in Christ” and that, regardless of our failures, His righteousness has been credited to our account.

We “put it on” by seeking God and His righteousness above everything else (Matthew 6:33). We make Him and His ways our dwelling place (Psalms 91:1). We delight in His commands and desire for His ways to become our ways (Psalms 37:4; 119:24, 111; Isaiah 61:10). When God reveals an area of change to us, we obey and allow Him to work in us. At the point where we say “no” to God, we open a little crack in the armor where Satan’s arrows can get through (Ephesians 6:16).

As we wear Christ’s breastplate of righteousness, we begin to develop a purity of heart that translates into actions. Wearing this breastplate creates a lifestyle of putting into practice what we believe in our hearts. As our lives become conformed to the image of Christ (Romans 8:29), our choices become more righteous, and these godly choices also protect us from further temptation and deception (Proverbs 8:20; Psalms 23:3).

When armor is abused or worn incorrectly, it can malfunction. Likewise, there are several factors that can interfere with the effectiveness of our spiritual breastplate. Carelessness (1 Peter 5:8), unbelief (Hebrews 3:12), abusing grace (Romans 6:1–2), or disobedience (1 John 3:4; Hebrews 4:6) can hinder our ability to stand firm and defeat the enemy in our lives. When we tolerate sin, refuse to forgive (2 Corinthians 2:10–11), rely on personal righteousness (Titus 3:5), or allow earthly concerns to crowd out time for an intimate relationship with God, we, in effect, take off the breastplate of righteousness, minimizing its power to protect us.

We need our breastplate of righteousness in place in order to gain the victory specified in 2 Corinthians 10:5: . “We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.” When we quickly reject heretical ideas, idolatry, and the “counsel of the ungodly” (Psalms 1:1) and instead “keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith” (Hebrews 12:2), we keep our breastplate securely fastened.