



Ephesians 6

The Armoury





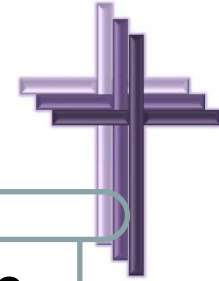
Paul's letter to the Ephesian church can be likened to building in which the church meets and it is made up like this!

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| Chapter 1 | - | The Anteroom (Foyer) |
| Chapter 2 | - | The Audience Chamber of the King |
| Chapter 3 | - | The Throne Room |
| Chapter 4 | - | The Jewel Room |
| Chapter 5 | - | The Worship Room |
| Chapter 6 | - | The Armoury |

The FOYER



And scattered around the Foyer we see!



**We are
Saints
in
Christ
Jesus**

**We are
Blessed
in
Christ
Jesus**

**We are
Chosen
by
Christ
Jesus**

**We are
Adopted
by
Christ
Jesus**

**We are
lavished
in love
by
Christ
Jesus**

**We are
redeemed
and
Forgiven**

**He
revealed
His will
to us**

**We are
Participants in
God's plan**

The Audience Chamber of the King





In our Audience with the King we found out that:

For it is by **grace** you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God

The Throne Room



- ✚ We go in full knowing that God is ready to see us.
- ✚ This is no surprise visit – God is expecting us.
- ✚ As we enter we remember this blessing.



“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.”

Ephesians 1:3



The **Jewel Room** is a place where we will find the “**Gems**” needed to live a righteous life as followers of Jesus.

A “Gem” is a precious stone that brings wealth to the owner.

So what GEMS has Paul got for us?
What “wealth” will we find here?
Is it material or spiritual wealth?
Do these “Gems” belong to us?



The Room of Song





The **Room of Song** is where we Praise our God and then go out into the world as **FOLLOWERS** of God.

We are called to be:

Imitators of God, and
To live a life of love

So how do we do this?





And so we enter the Armoury

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**The journey to learn how God wants us to live
as FOLLOWERS continues**





And in Chapter 6 the ARMOURY we will continue with relationships.

And then go on to find out how when we FOLLOW God's example the devil will try to attack BUT God encourages us that by putting on the Armour of God we will be able to withstand the schemes of the devil.





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Verses 1-4

¹ **Children**, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “**Honor your father and mother**” which is the first commandment with a **promise** ³ “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

⁴ **Fathers**, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

My Child,

- You may not know me, but I know everything about you.
- I know when you sit down and when you rise up.
- I am familiar with all your ways.
- Even the very hairs on your head are numbered.
- For you were made in my image.
- In me you live and move and have your being.
- For you are my offspring.
- I knew you even before you were conceived.
- I chose you when I planned creation.
- You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book.
- I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live.
- You are fearfully and wonderfully made.
- I knit you together in your mother's womb.
- And brought you forth on the day you were born.
- I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me.
- I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love.
- And it is my desire to lavish my love on you.
- Simply because you are my child and I am your Father.
- I offer you more than your earthly father ever could.
- For I am the perfect father.
- Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand.
- For I am your provider and I meet all your needs.



Psalm 139:1
Psalm 139:2
Psalm 139:3
Matthew 10:29-31
Genesis 1:27
Acts 17:28
Acts 17:28
Jeremiah 1:4-5
Ephesians 1:11-12
Psalm 139:15-16
Acts 17:26
Psalm 139:14
Psalm 139:13
Psalm 71:6
John 8:41-44
1 John 4:16
1 John 3:1
1 John 3:1
Matthew 7:11
Matthew 5:48
James 1:17
Matthew 6:31-33



- My plan for your future has always been filled with hope.
- Because I love you with an everlasting love.
- My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore.
- And I rejoice over you with singing.
- I will never stop doing good to you.
- For you are my treasured possession.
- I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul.
- And I want to show you great and marvelous things.
- If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me.
- Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart.
- For it is I who gave you those desires.
- I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine.
- For I am your greatest encourager.
- I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles.
- When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you.
- As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart.
- One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes.
- And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth.
- I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus.
- For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed.

Jeremiah 29:11

Jeremiah 31:3

Psalms 139:17-18

Zephaniah 3:17

Jeremiah 32:40

Exodus 19:5

Jeremiah 32:41

Jeremiah 33:3

Deuteronomy 4:29

Psalms 37:4

Philippians 2:13

Ephesians 3:20

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Psalms 34:18

Isaiah 40:11

Revelation 21:3-4

Revelation 21:3-4

John 17:23

John 17:26



- He is the exact representation of my being.
- He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you.
- And to tell you that I am not counting your sins.
- Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled.
- His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you.
- I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love.
- If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me.
- And nothing will ever separate you from my love again.
- Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen.
- I have always been Father, and will always be Father.

My question is...
Will you be my child?
I am waiting for you.

Love, Your Dad
Almighty God

<http://www.fathersloveletter.com/text.html>

Hebrews 1:3
Romans 8:31
2 Corinthians 5:18-19
2 Corinthians 5:18-19
1 John 4:10
Romans 8:31-32
1 John 2:23
Romans 8:38-39
Luke 15:7
Ephesians 3:14-15

John 1:12-13
Luke 15:11-32

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Verses 5-9

⁵ Slaves, **obey** your earthly masters with **respect and fear**, and with **sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ**. ⁶ Obey them **not only to win their favor** when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. ⁷ **Serve wholeheartedly**, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, ⁸ because you know that the Lord will **reward each one for whatever good they do**, whether they are slave or free.

⁹ And **masters**, treat your slaves in the same way. **Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven**, and there is no favoritism with him.

THE ARMOR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

... be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ...

The Shield of Faith (Eph. 6:16)

Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises. Faith in God protects you when you are tempted to doubt.



The Helmet of Salvation (Eph. 6:17)

Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again.

The Breastplate of Righteousness (Eph. 6:14)

Righteousness is being honest, good, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people.

The Belt of Truth (Eph. 6:14)

Truth keeps us from giving in to the world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and actions to the truth of the Word of God.

The Sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17)

which is the Word of God. God's Word is our offensive weapon. When we tell others what the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their bad thoughts and actions, and makes them want to be forgiven.

Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace (Eph. 6:15)

The Gospel of Peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said peacemakers were blessed.





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Verses 10-12

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

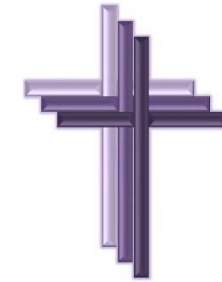


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Verses 10-12

13 Therefore put on the **full armor** of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

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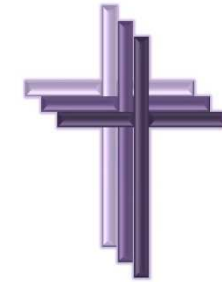
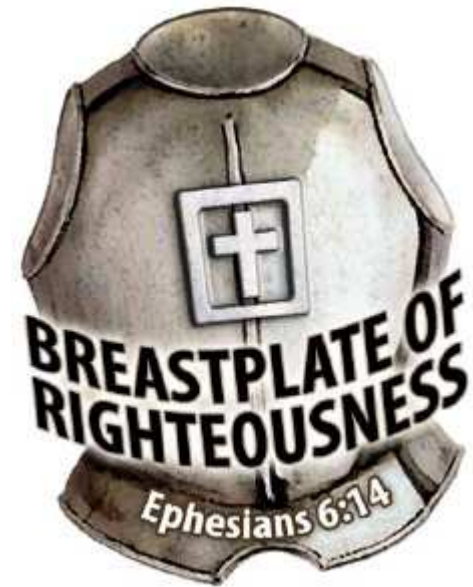


The Belt of Truth

14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,

What does the Belt of Truth represent?

Satan's main weapon of attack is lies. His lies are strong and dangerous and sound very much like truth.

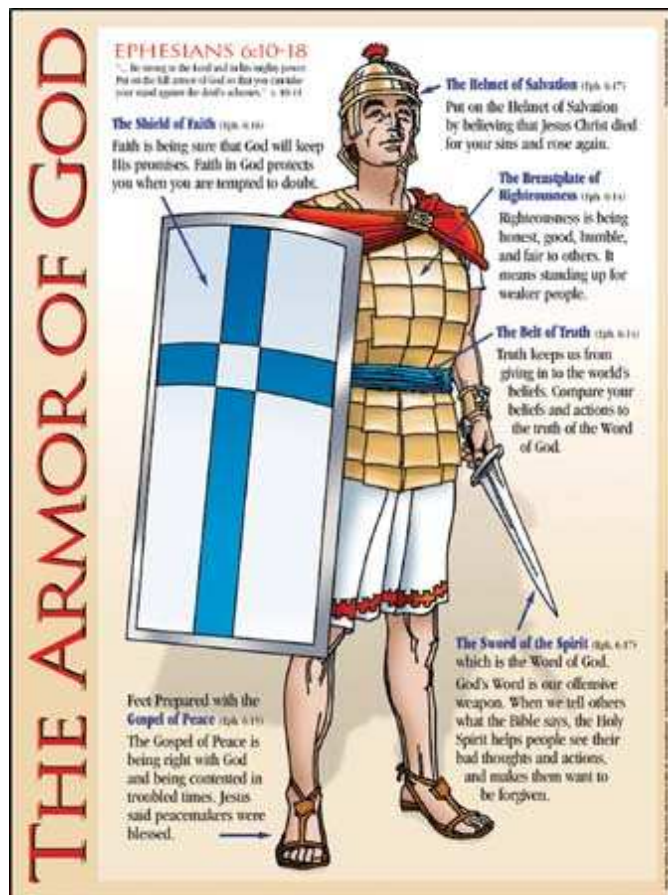


The Breastplate of Righteousness

14 ...with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

The breastplate guards the heart. God loves a heart that is honest, good, humble and fair.

These are the characteristics of righteousness.



Feet fitted with the Gospel of Peace

¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

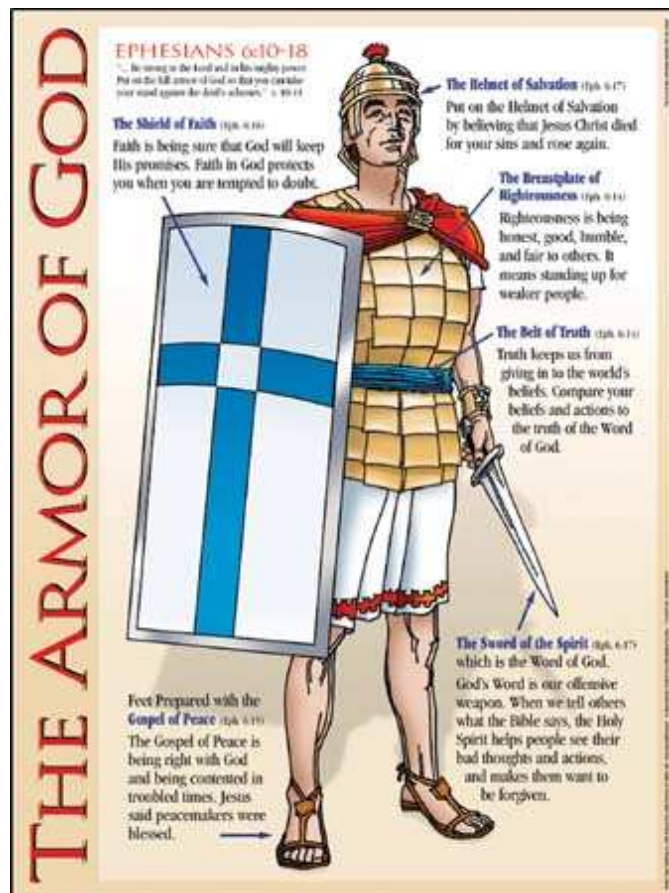
It seems to me that we're to be at peace with God and other believers – and this peace will make us ready to go out and share this gospel of peace with others



The Shield of Faith

¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

The shield of faith has a very specific function, which the Bible makes abundantly clear: quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. Not some of them but all of them.





The Helmet of Salvation

17 Take the helmet of salvation,

Watch your thoughts!

Be careful what you believe!

Issues of life and death are formed in your mind

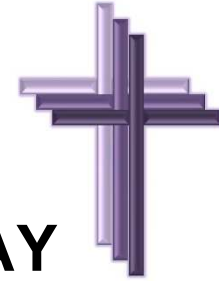


The Sword of the Spirit

17 and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

The Word of God is our offensive weapon. It has an answer for anything.

Paul's Message here



PRAY...PRAY...PRAY...PRAY...PRAY...PRAY

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Verses 18-20

1⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with **all kinds of prayers and requests**. With this in mind, be alert and always **keep on praying for all the Lord's people**. **1⁹ Pray also for me**, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, **2⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray** that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Paul's Message



Communication is the basis of life

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Verses 21-24

Final Greetings

²¹ Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing. ²² I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you.

²³ Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.

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