

# PERSONAL SPIRITUAL ARMOR (Pt. 1)

## Belt, Breastplate, Boots

Ephesians 6:14-15

### I. **BELT OF TRUTH** (14a; Jn 8:32)—prepare yourself for action

#### A. **Truth** (Jn 17:17)

1. **A True Heart** (Eph 4:25)—**Sincerity**; no pretense, deceit, hypocrisy to trip you (**BE TRUTHFUL**)

a. **Integrity** (Ps 51:6)—practice what you preach

b. **Transparency** (Rom 13:12; Eph 5:11; 1 Jn 1:6-8)—who you are

2. **True Doctrine** (Gal 5:7; Eph 4:14, 21; 2 Tim 2:18 & 3:7; Tit 1:14; Jude 1:3)—the true faith (**KNOW THE TRUTH of God's Word**)

a. **Know the Scripture** (Jn 17:17)—all of it

b. **Don't be deceived**—not confused, disoriented, overpowered

3. **Jesus Himself** (Jn 8:32 & 14:6; Rev 3:14 & 19:11)—He is both *truthful* and *The Truth* (**KNOW JESUS**)—embodies and explains the truth of God

#### B. **Belt** (1 Pet 1:13)—*prepare yourself for action* (work, battle)

1. **To gather up your tunic** (Ex 12:11; 1 Kin 18:46; Isa 5:27; 1 Pet 1:13)  
—An undergarment, brace

a. **Gives confidence and stability**—holds everything together in place

b. **Truth must undergird everything else**

2. **To fasten something to you** (2 Sam 20:8; Ps 45:3; 109:19; Prov 6:21; Jer 13:11)—Truth holds your weapons

### II. **BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** (14b; Isa 59:17; 1 Thes 5:8)—

#### A. **Righteousness** ()—protects from the destruction of sin

1. **Christ's Righteousness** (2 Cor 5:21; Php 3:9; Gal 2:16)—given to us

a. **Earned by Christ**

b. **Applied to us by Faith**

2. **Our Character and Conduct** (1 Thes 5:8)—righteousness is worked out in response

a. **Faith working through love** (Gal 5:6)— not passive or theoretical

b. **Sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit**—(Php 2:13; 1 Jn 3:9; )

B. **Breastplate** (Ps 73:26; Prov 4:23)—protects heart and vital organs

1. **Christ's Righteousness covers us**—(Rom 8:1)—Protects from accusation, shame, and condemnation

2. **Practicing Righteousness guards against temptation, corruption** (Tit 2:11-12)

### III. **BOOTS OF GOSPEL-READINESS** (15)

A. **Gospel** (1 Pet 3:15)

1. **The Good News of Jesus Christ**—Salvation through faith in Him

2. **Ready and Able to share this...**

B. **Peace**

1. **With God** ()—God's blessing and favor, the basis of our peace

2. **In Yourself** (Lk 10:5-6)—are you peaceful?

a. **Waking in peace yourself...**

b. **Taking peace wherever you go...**

3. **For Others** (Lk 2:14; 2 Cor 5:18-21)—Ministry of reconciliation...

C. **Shoes**—Ready to go wherever, whenever

1. **Lifestyle** (Eph 4:1)—the way you walk, walk worthy of your calling

2. **Mobility** (Ex 12:11; Rom 10:15)—prepared to go where Commander sends you