

The Armor of Light

The Need for Armor

- *Romans 13:12*
- *1 Thessalonians 5:8*
- a sign that you are awake and sober
- *Ephesians 6:11-12*
- to stand firm against Satan's schemes
- underneath our outer shell, we wear the armor of light, protecting our inner spiritual man from the darkness around us

A Complete Armor

1. helmet (*Ephesians 6:17*)
 - the hope of salvation
 - protecting our mind (thoughts)
2. breastplate (*Ephesians 6:14*)
 - righteousness of Christ
 - protecting our heart from sin around us
 - always having a clear conscience before God and men

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3. belt (*Ephesians 6:14*)

- the truth of God
- what holds everything together

4. boots (*Ephesians 6:15*)

- preparation of the gospel of peace
- always ready to speak of our hope (I Peter 3:15)
- when I feel like it and when I don't (II Timothy 4:2)

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5. sword (*Ephesians 6:17*)

- the Word of God
- our only weapon of attack
- our sword's edge is made dull when we are captivated by affairs of the world – sports, entertainment, politics

6. shield (*Ephesians 6:16*)

- faith
- the Devil's favorite missile: "God doesn't love you"

The Importance of Fellowship

- Hebrews 10:23-25
- it is to help keep each other awake that we fellowship in the Church as Christ's Body