

JULY 23-26, 2018  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**THE ARMOR OF GOD**

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9:30am - 12:00pm    Ages: 2-13

Ephesians 6:13 -

Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, having done all to stand firm.



# THE ARM GOD

Battle for the Soul

Spring Series!





# Ephesians 6: 10-18

## The Armor of God

***Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.***



# The Armor of God

***For we wrestle not  
against flesh and blood,  
but against principalities,  
against powers, against  
the rulers of the darkness  
of this world, against  
spiritual wickedness in  
high places.***



## The Armor of God

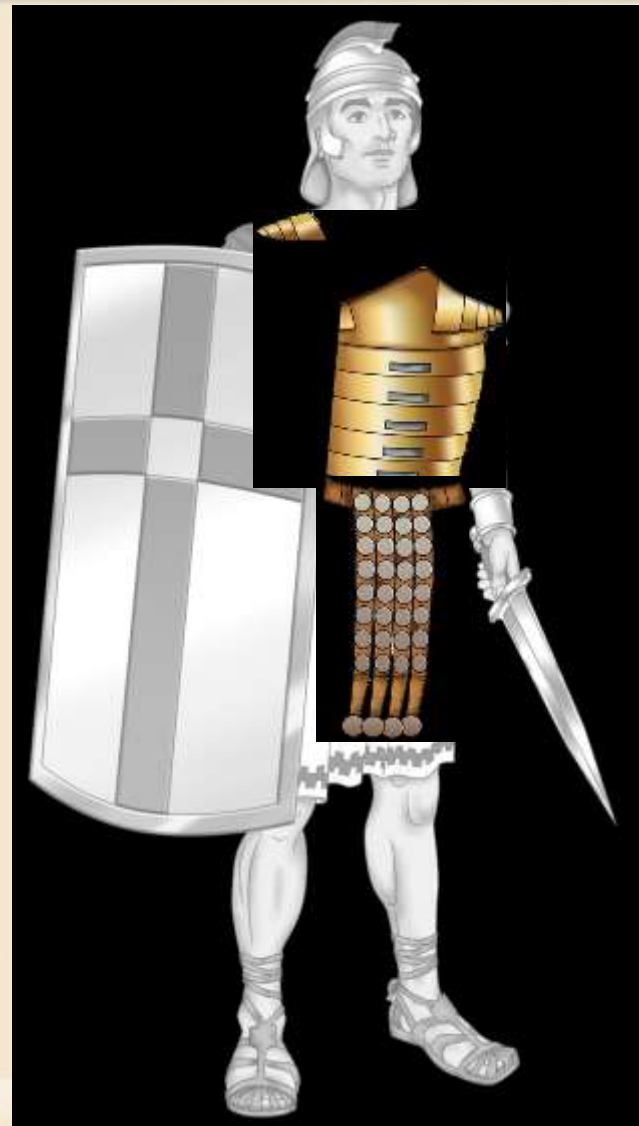
***Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.***





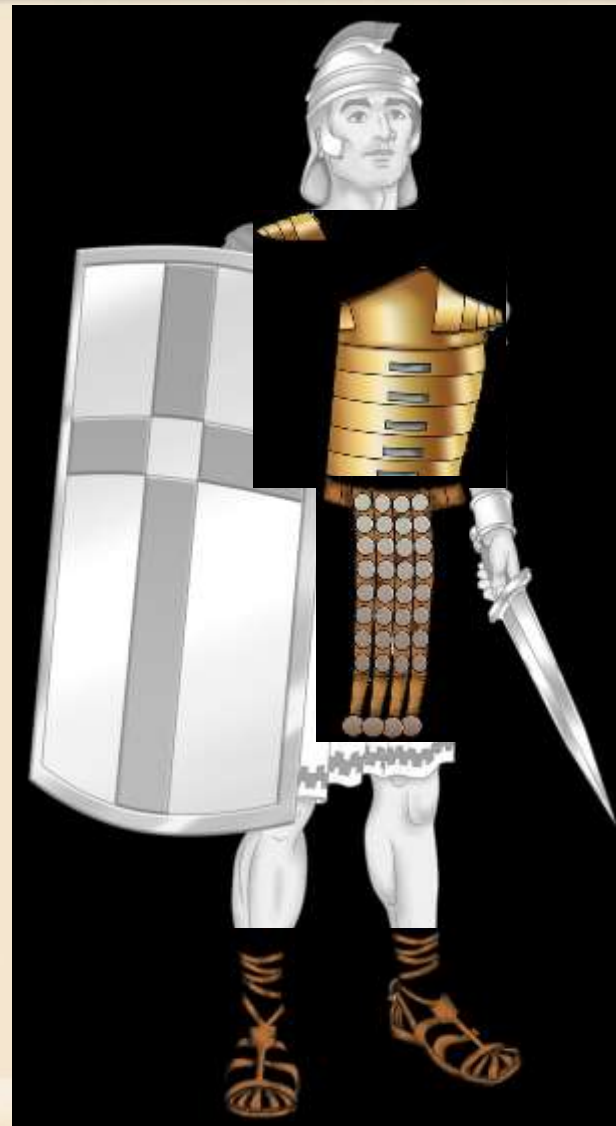
# The Armor of God

***Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness.***



# The Armor of God

***And your feet shod with  
the preparation of the  
gospel of peace.***



# Background Information

## The Armor of God

***Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.***





# The Armor of God

***And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.***



# The Armor of God

***Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.—Ephesians 6:10-1***



# PREPARING FOR BATTLE

EPH 6: 10-13, 18

- **Be strong** in His strength (vs 10).
- Put on the **whole armor of God** (Vs 11).
- **Wrestle** with the hosts of evil (Vs 12).
- **Do all to stand.** Be ready. Be prepared (vs 13)!
- **Remember we are to** work as a team (Eph 6:8,18).

**The Armor of God**



# THESIS:

**Part one: Preparing for Battle**  
(Eph 6:10-13)! 4/8

**Part two: The Pieces of Armor**  
(Eph 6:14-18). 4/15 – Today!

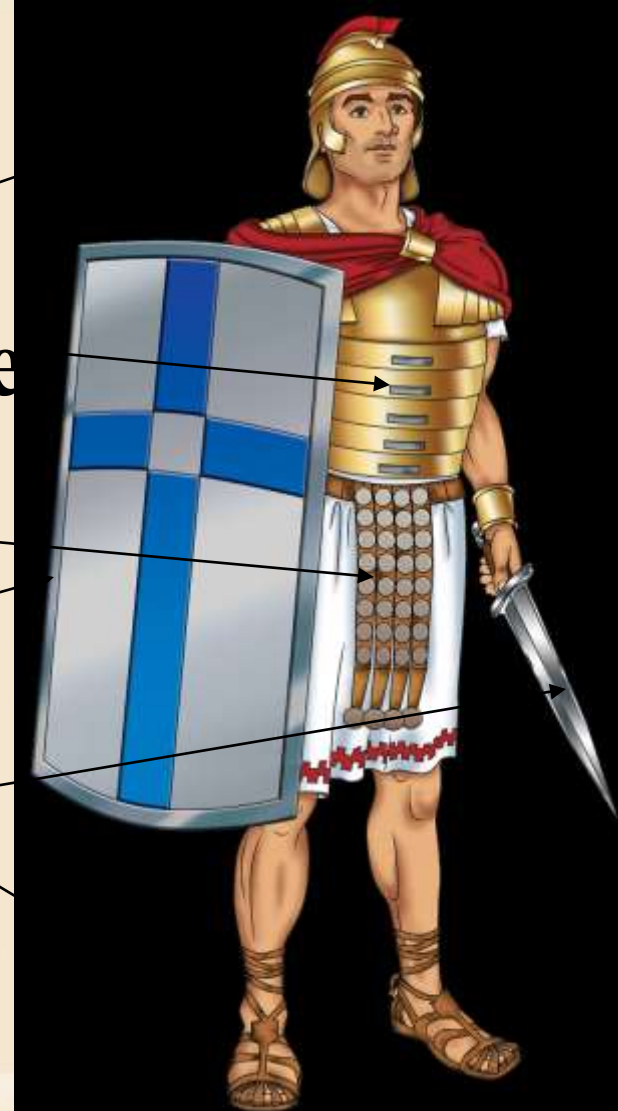
**Part three: Fighting Spiritual Warfare** (Eph 6:12). 4/22

**The Armor of God**

# Six Parts to the Armor

## The Armor of God

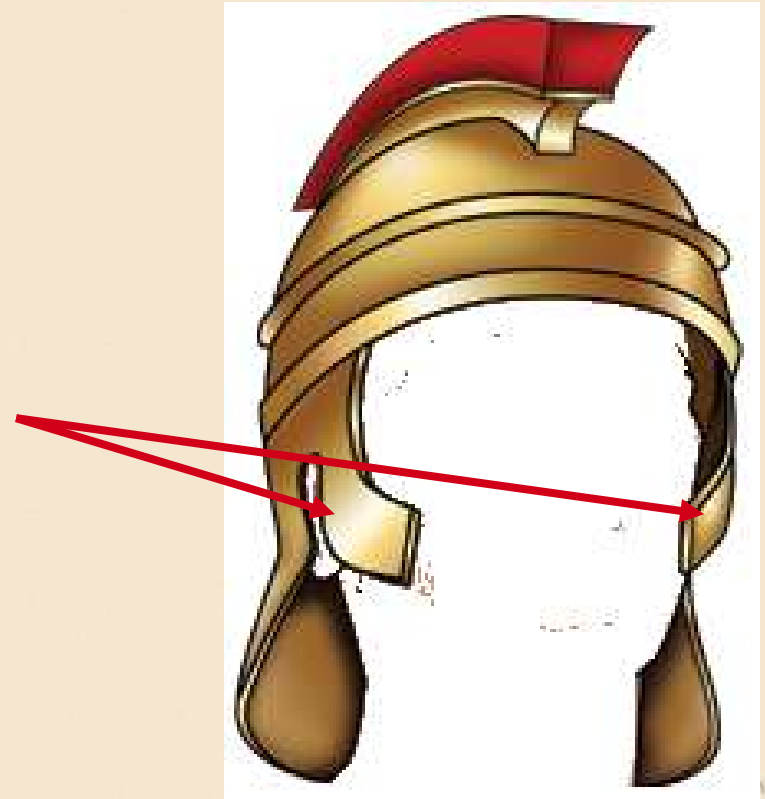
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# Helmet of Salvation

## Description of Armor

- ✦ The Roman soldier's helmet was fashioned from bronze or iron.
- ✦ Two cheek-pieces protected the sides of the soldier's face.

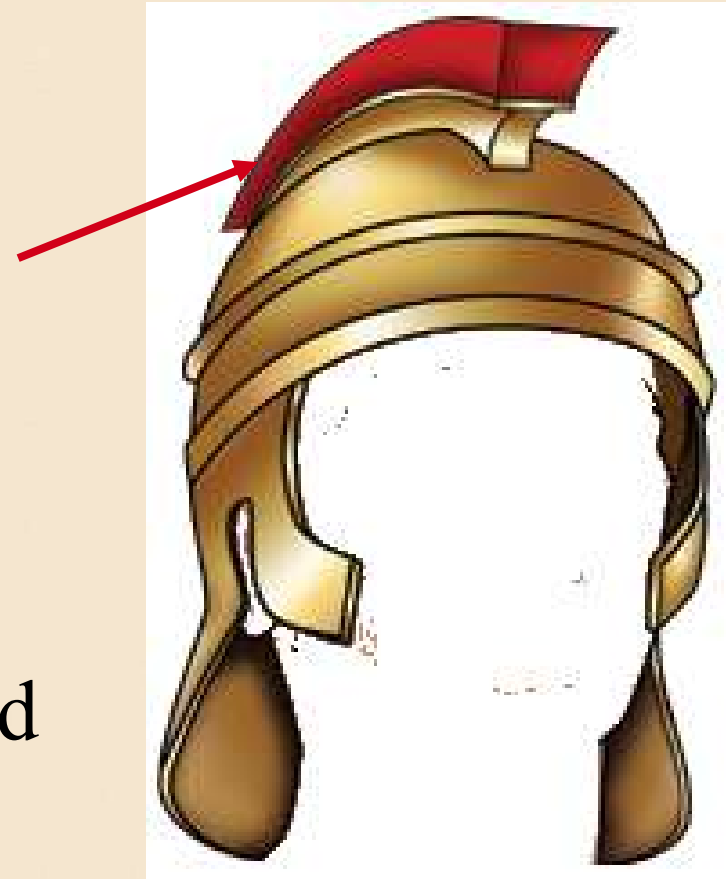




# Helmet of Salvation

## Description of Armor

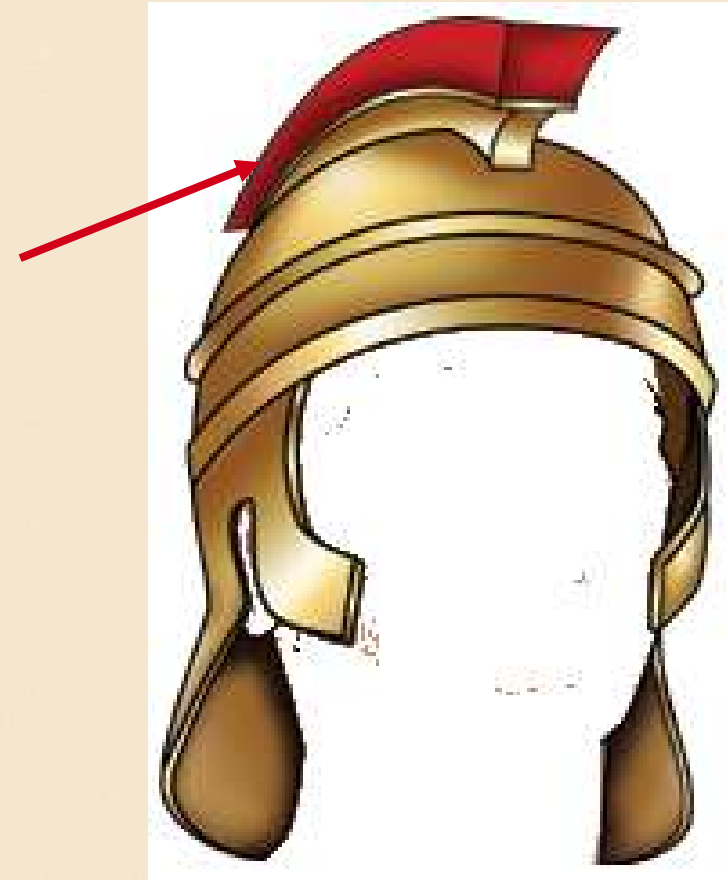
- ✦ For the sake of comfort, soldiers frequently lined their helmets with felt.
- ✦ The Roman soldier's helmet protected his skull and neck from his enemy's weapons and falling debris.



# Helmet of Salvation

## Description of Armor

★ At the time of Christ, a crest with a plume of horse's hair was placed on top of Roman helmets.



# Helmet of Salvation

## Historical Background

- ✦ The purpose of the plume was to make soldiers appear taller and more imposing.



*Alexander the Great*  
Rembrandt (1655)



# Helmet of Salvation

Protected his  
**head** from his  
enemy's weapons.  
(Ps 140:7).



# Helmet of Salvation

## Important Biblical Passages

*O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.*

—Psalm 140:7

# Helmet of Salvation

## Important Biblical Passages

*But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.*

— 1 Thessalonians 5:8



# Helmet of Salvation

## Application

- ✦ The helmet points to **God's ultimate victory and the blessed assurance we have in Christ!**
- ✦ Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection provides all believers with **freedom from sin.**
- ✦ **Do you hold your head high with courage?**
- ✦ **ARE YOU SURE YOU ARE SAVED?**

# Helmet of Salvation

**Let us Sing!**

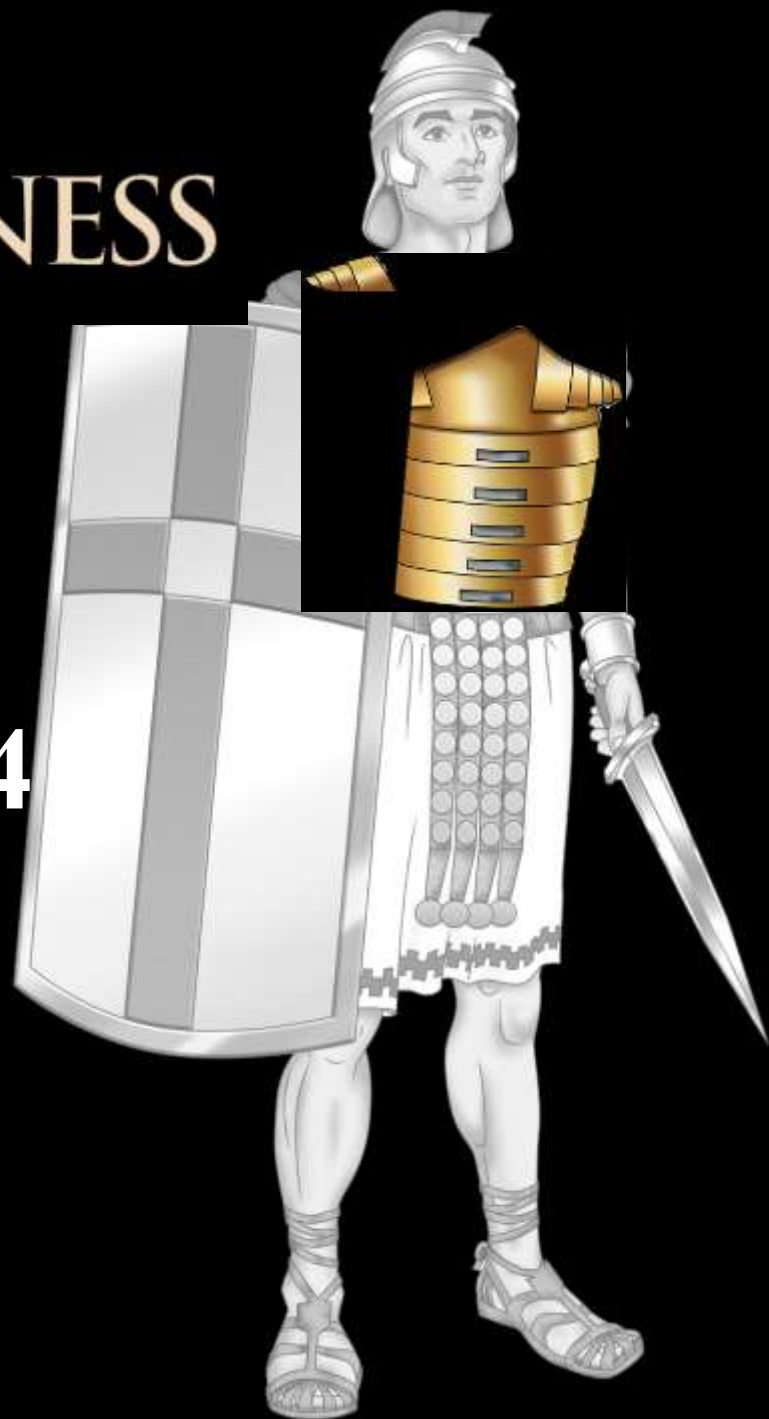
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**Blessed Assurance – vs 1, 3.**

# BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

*Having put on the  
breastplate of  
righteousness*

—Ephesians 6:14

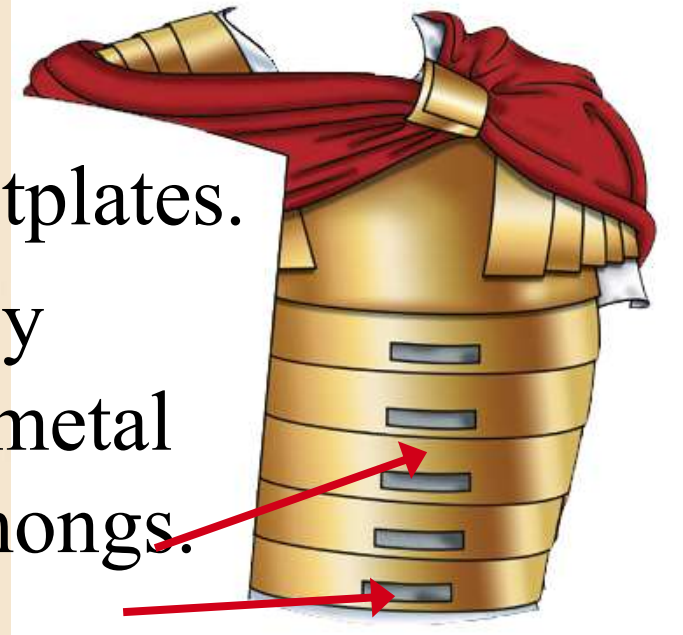




# The Breastplate of Righteousness

## Description of Armor

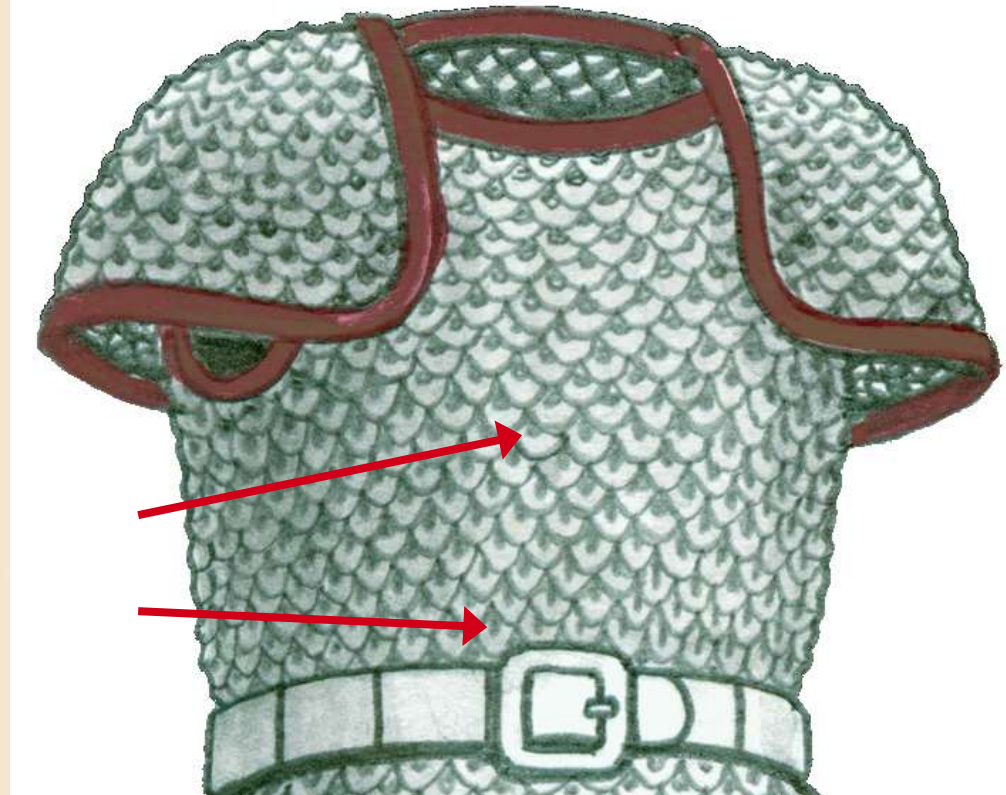
- ✦ After buckling his belt around his waist, the Roman soldier would have fastened the breastplate around his chest.
- ✦ There were two types of breastplates.
- ✦ The first type was fashioned by joining several broad, curved metal bands together using leather thongs.



# The Breastplate of Righteousness

## Description of Armor

✦ The second type of breastplate was a type of chain mail, constructed by linking small metal rings together until they formed a vest.



# The Breastplate of Righteousness

If a soldier failed to wear his breastplate, an arrow could easily reach a soldier's chest, piercing his **heart** or lungs.



# Helmet of Salvation

*[The LORD] put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and will be clad with zeal as a cloak.*

—Isaiah 59:17

# The Breastplate of Righteousness

## Application

★ Righteousness = “Moral uprightness, holiness, virtuousness, goodness in character and practice.”

★ Prov 4:23 “Keep our heart with all diligence.”



# The Breastplate of Righteousness

## Important Biblical Passages

*Blessed are they which do  
hunger and thirst after  
righteousness: for they shall be  
filled. —Matthew 5:6*



# The Breastplate of Righteousness

## Application

★ “The righteous are bold as a lion” (Prov 28:1).



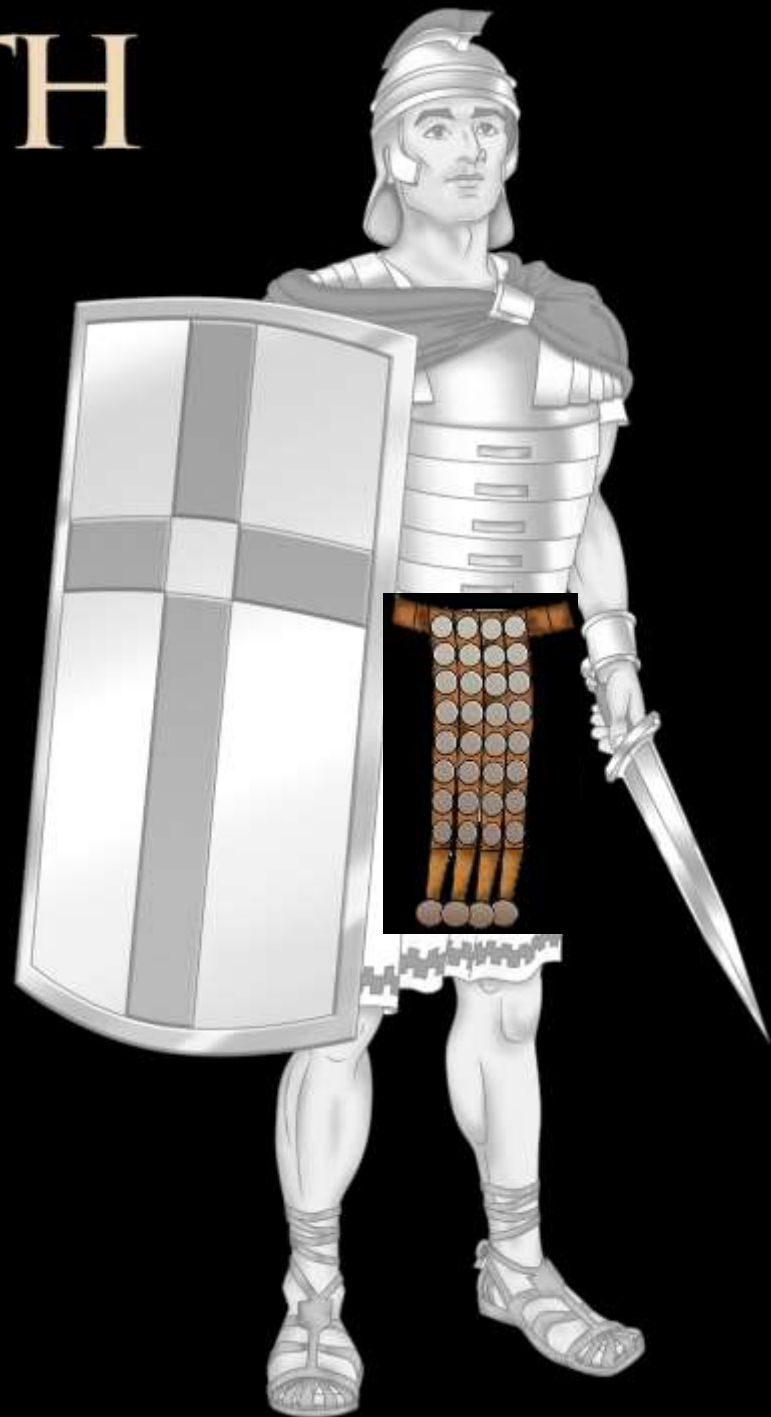
# BELT OF TRUTH

*Having your loins  
girt about with truth*

-- Ephesians 6:14

-- Prov 23:23

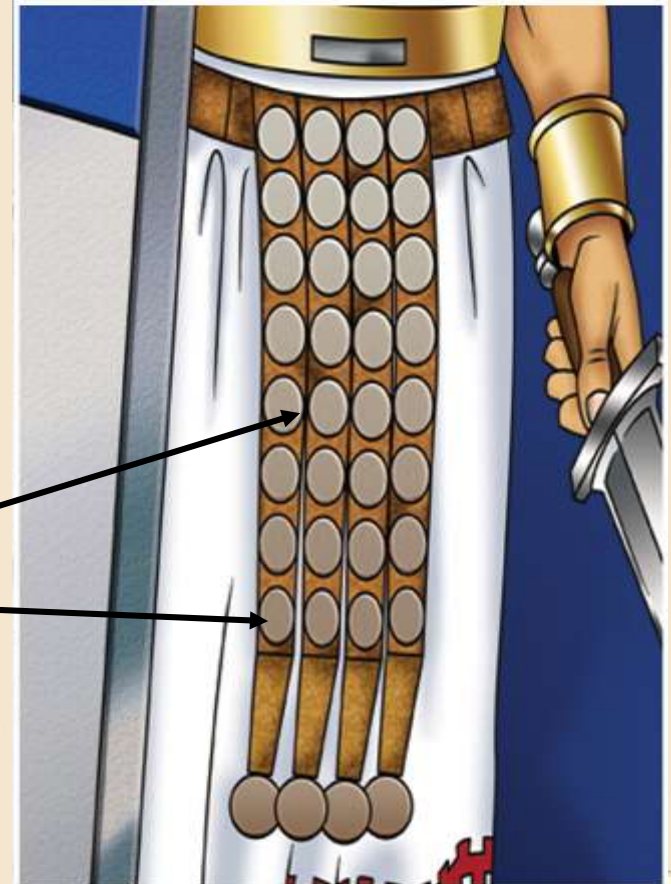
-- Jn 14:6



# The Belt of Truth

## Description of Armor

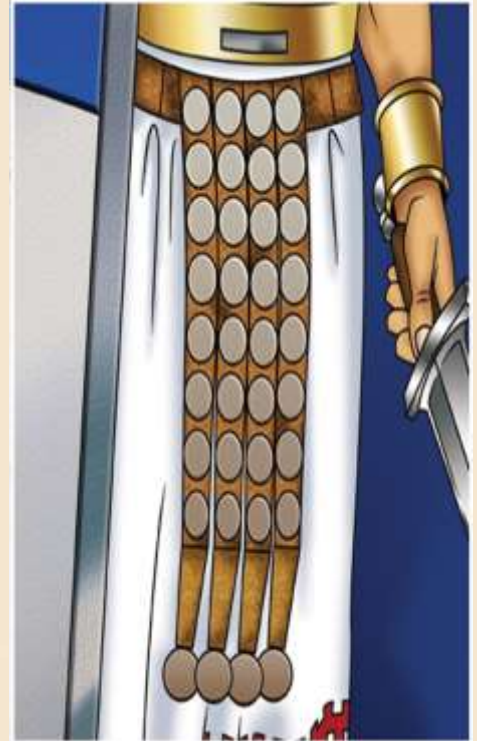
- ✦ **Leather belt with an apron** that hung in front of the Roman soldier's groin and lower abdomen.
- ✦ **Small brass plates** were attached to the apron.





# The Belt of Truth

- ★ The first piece of protective equipment . . .
- ★ Used to tie up garments . . .
- ★ It shielded some of the most vulnerable areas of his body.



# The Belt of Truth

## Application

- ✦ Prepares one to be ready for action.
- ✦ Christians always need to be ready so they are not caught unaware!
- ✦ **Watch and Pray (Mk 13:33)!**

# The Belt of Truth

## Application

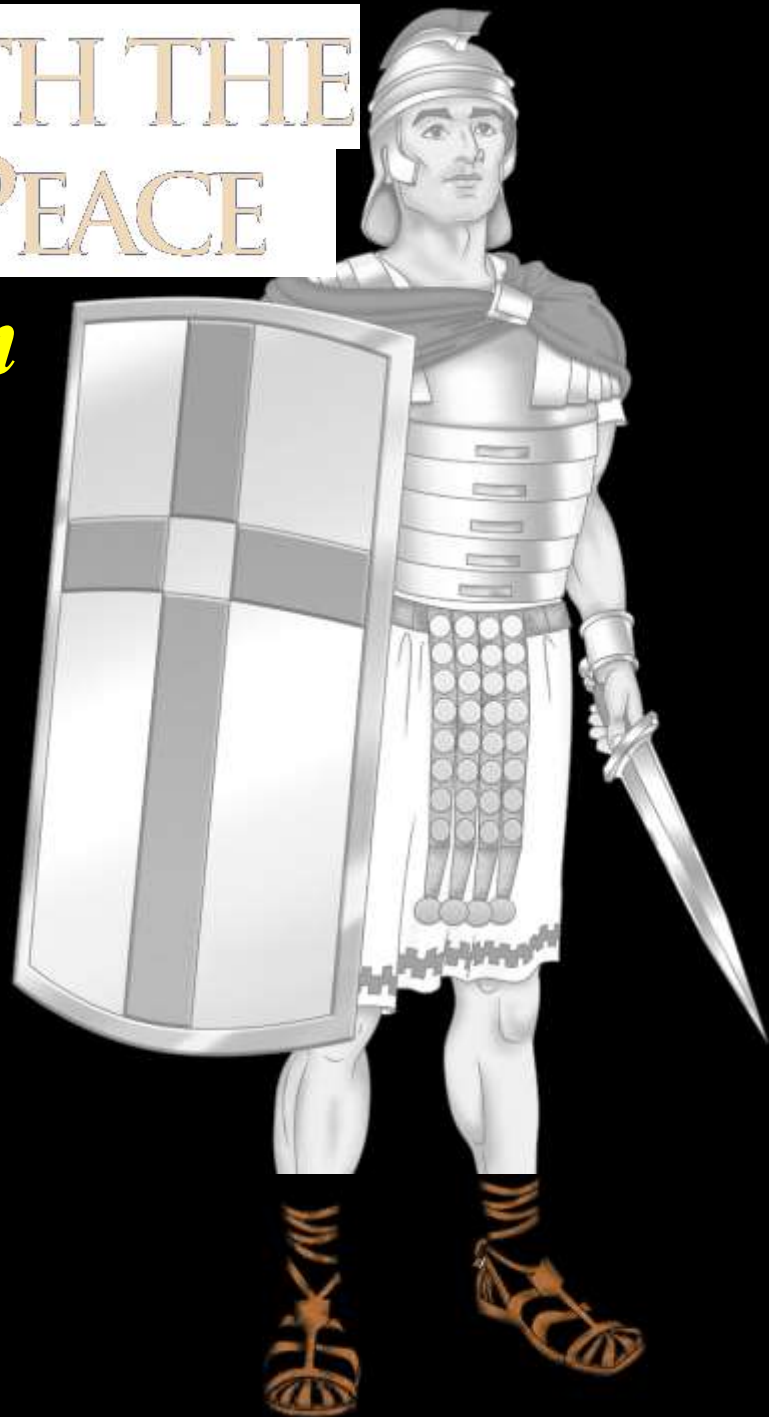
- ★ You can be a person of truth by ...
  - ★ **Knowing and sharing truth** (I Peter 3:15).
  - ★ **Living as a person of integrity** (Prov 20:7, 11:3, 10:9, Ps 25:21).



# FEET PREPARED WITH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

*And your feet shod with  
the preparation of the  
gospel of peace*

—Ephesians 6:15



# Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace

## Description of Armor

- ★ Shoes were thick leather and **studded through the soles with hobnails.**
- ★ Slang for Roman soldiers = “**boot men.**”



# Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace

## Historical Background

★ The studded soles enabled = **to stand firm, and maintain their position.**





# Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace

## Application

- ★ Gk word rendered “preparation” or “readiness” (6:15) = “prepared foundation” a **firm basis for a soldier's feet.**
- ★ Jesus Christ provides a **strong foundation** needed to stand firm (I Cor 3:11).
- ★ We need to **march and move forward** and send the light to those in darkness!

# Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace

## Application

- ★ **The Gospel of Peace = Peace with God.**
- ★ Before conversion we were in conflict (enemies) ..but God loves us and provided reconciliation with Him = **living in peace** (2 Cor. 5: 18-19)!

# Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace

**Let us sing, Pg 572**

**Send the Light, vs 1, 2, 4.**



# SHIELD OF FAITH

*Above all, taking the  
shield of faith,  
wherewith ye shall be  
able to quench all the  
fiery darts of the  
wicked. —Ephesians  
6:16*



# Shield of Faith

## Description of Armor

- ✦ Rectangular- four feet tall and three feet in width.
- ✦ The Gk word for shield means “like a door.”



# Shield of Faith

## Description of Armor

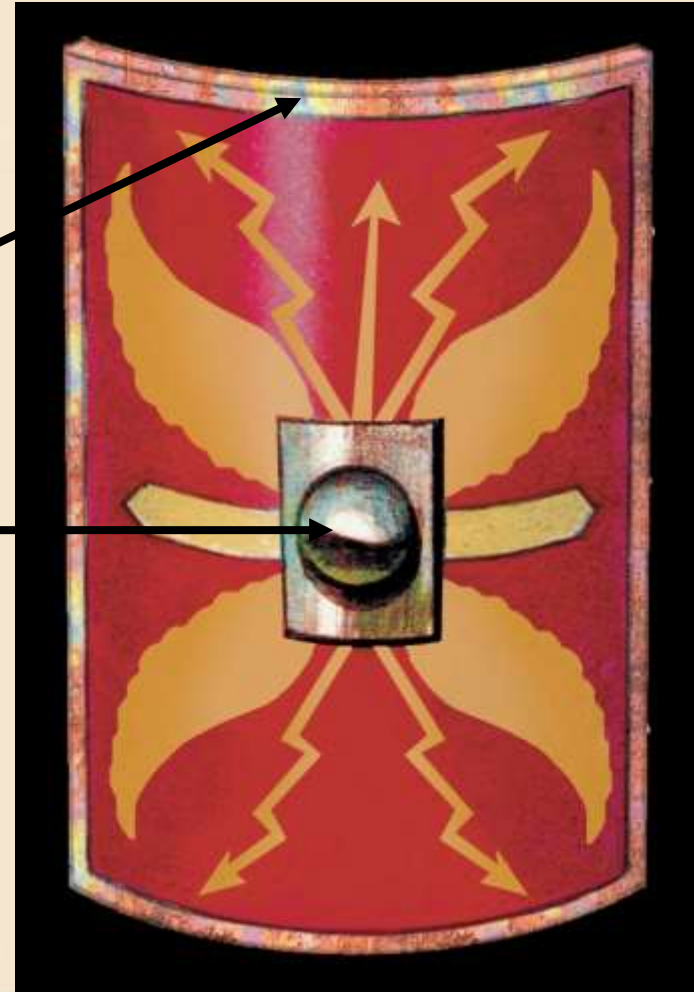
- ★ Two sturdy pieces of wood **covered with canvas** to form the core.
- ★ Goat-skin **stretched tightly over the wood**, the boards curved inward, and a leather strap was tacked to the shield's back.



# Shield of Faith

## Description of Armor

- ✦ **Iron rims** fitted along the top and bottom edges, and an iron circle was attached.
- ✦ The colors of the soldier's **military unit** painted on the leather covering.



# Shield of Faith

## Application

- ★ The shield of faith is the Christian's **protection against temptation.**
- ★ Whenever we trust in God and know His will, **Satan cannot tempt us with his lies** (Ephesians 6:12)!

# Shield of Faith

## Historical Background

- ✦ Before battle, they **drenched their leather-covered shields with water!**
- ✦ Result: the **flaming arrows were immediately extinguished.**





# Each Soldier Depended On Each Other

## Historical Background

★ The Roman military worked **together** using a formation = “**the tortoise.**”



# Shield of Faith

## Application

- ✦ With true faith, “**all the flaming arrows of the evil one**”—every temptation can be stopped (Ephesians 6:16)!
- ✦ **Authentic faith** in God can overcome evil (1 John 5:4, 2 Sam 22:31, Ps 7:10, 18:35).



# Shield of Faith

*For whatsoever is born of God  
overcometh the world: and this is  
the victory that overcometh the  
world, even our faith.*

—1 John 5:4



# Shield of Faith

## Important Biblical Passages

*As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.*

—2 Samuel 22:31

*My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.* —Psalm 7:10

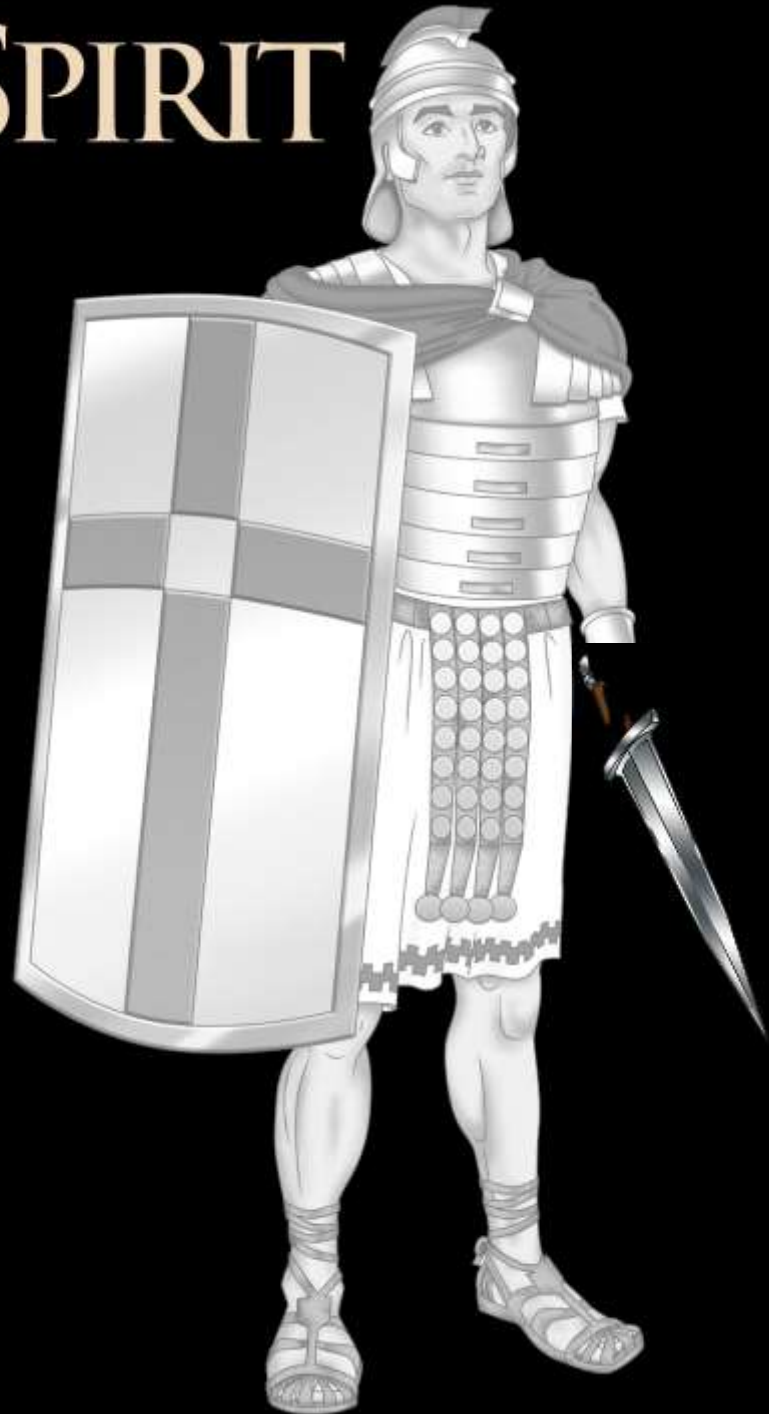
# Shield of Faith

*Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great. —Psalm 18:35*

# SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

*Take ... the sword of  
the Spirit, which is  
the word of God*

—Ephesians 6:17





# The Sword of the Spirit

## Description of Armor

- ✦ About two feet long, crafted from iron.
- ✦ Blacksmiths hardened the blade by covering the red-hot iron with coal dust.
- ✦ Sword handles could be iron, ivory, bone, or wood.



# The Sword of the Spirit

*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

—Hebrews 4:12

# The Sword of the Spirit

## Historical Background

★ Carried his sword on his **right side**, so that he could easily draw his sword in a close-knit row of troops.





# The Sword of the Spirit

## Historical Background

- ★ In battle, soldiers pressed back their enemies one step at a time by forcing their shields forward, using their **swords and shields to advance against the enemy.**

# The Sword of the Spirit

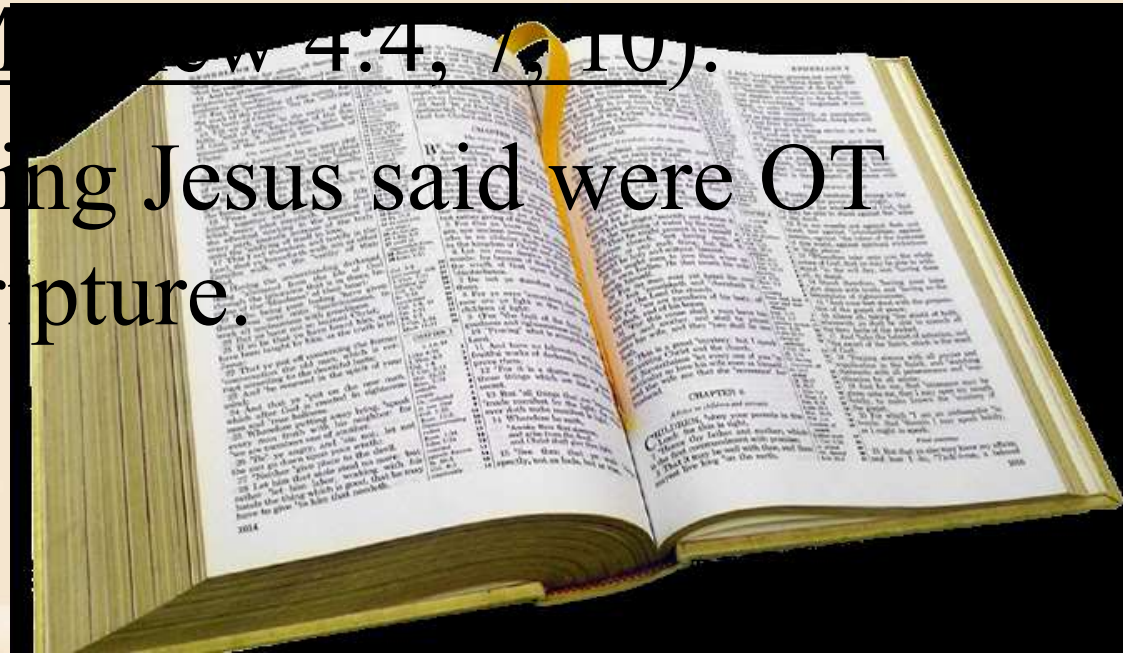
## Application

- ★ The only *offensive* weapon mentioned in Ephesians 6 is the sword!
- ★ This is how we spread the gospel!

# The Sword of the Spirit

## Application

- ✦ The “word of God” = the Scriptures.
- ✦ Jesus used the Bible to answer and the devil left him (Matthew 4:4, 7, 10).
- ✦ 10% of everything Jesus said were OT quotations of scripture.





# The Sword of the Spirit

**Let us sing together.**

✦ “Ancient Words.” Vs. 1,3,4.

# The Sword of the Spirit

## Application: I Jn 4:4

- ★ Key verses to memorize when temptations come:
  - ★ God will help you: Isaiah 41:10
  - ★ God will always be with you:  
Joshua 1:9!
  - ★ Rm 6:1-2 Personalize!
  - ★ God helps us when we are tempted  
1 Cor.10:13!



# The Key!

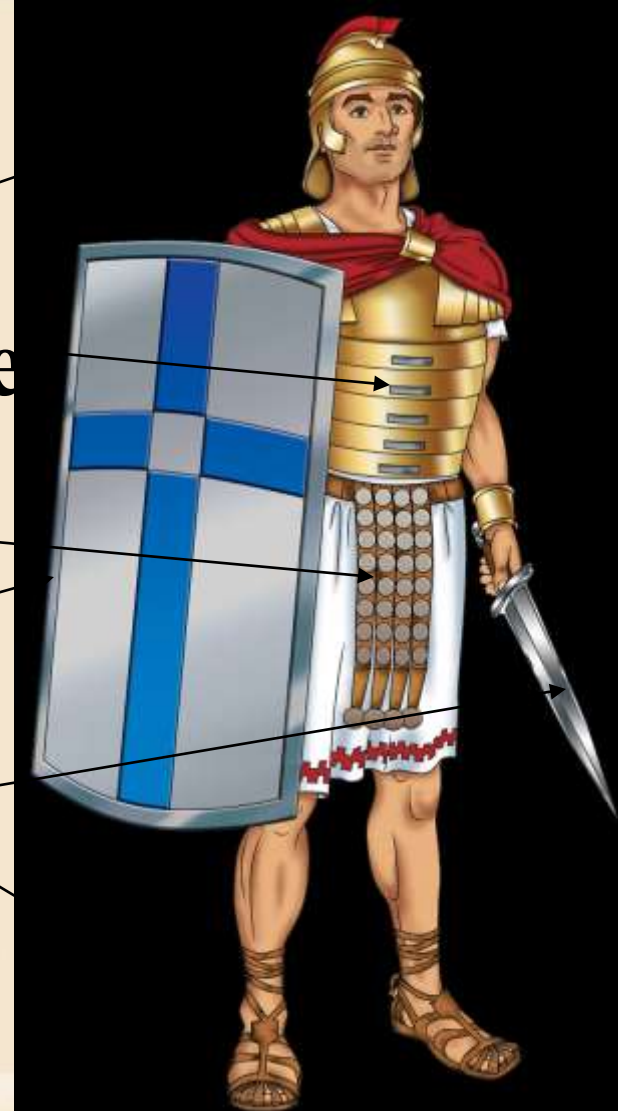
REPLACE THOSE  
THOUGHTS OF  
WORRY WITH  
THOUGHTS OF  
HOPE, FAITH,  
AND VICTORY.



# Put on each part with Prayer

## The Armor of God

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# Put on the Armor of God Daily!

- Are you ready to put on the **Helmet of Salvation?**

