



I. **Genesis 3:6-7**

A. Recognizing the Need for a Covering

1. When Adam and Even SAW their nakedness (shame), they immediately knew there was a need; so they did what they could within their own ability and utilized fig leaves and made aprons out of them (***Apron is another word for a belt around the waist***).
2. In today's time, most people have very little understanding of the need for a covering, let alone what to do with the covering once they receive it.
3. **Revelation 3:17** gives us insight to the mentality of independence – “I can do this by myself, look at what I have accomplished, no one will hurt me ever again....I will protect myself from harm.” (Sound familiar? We make our own coverings in life, but God says you don't even realize that you are completely shameful, naked....EXPOSED!)
4. ***We Need Jesus in Every Aspect of Our lives – John 15:5 “Without me...”***

B. The Blood

1. **Genesis 3:21** “Coats of Skin” – The First Sacrifice....The Covering of Blood
2. **Revelation 19:11-13 (*Vesture - Robe, Dress, Tunic, Robe*)**. Notice the Parallel from the O.T. to the N.T. – Genesis & Revelation

II. **Ephesians 6:10-18**

A. Recognizing the Need for God's Armor

1. We cannot stand in this life in our own power; we cannot stand against the enemy and his devices without God's help and provision!
2. Stop trying to win your battles through other people's way of doing things (***I Samuel 17:38-39***); in other words, your faith, your personal relationship with God is what brings you the victory. You cannot win the fight with someone else's armor or faith. God's armor is a perfect fit for all who will receive it!

B. Don't forget who your enemy is...

1. Satan...Principalities & Powers...Rulers of Darkness...Spiritual Wickedness.
2. The problem: We know it's the devil behind the problem, difficulty, or attack....but we aren't doing anything about it (Saying, “I'm praying about it” or “I know I have the victory” is not enough!).

C. A closer look at the Armor of God

1. Take it and Put it on (***Ephesians 6:11-13***) – How? His Word has decreed it...My faith has received it / ***“I put on the whole armor of God...”***
2. ***Loins Girt About with Truth*** – Remember, what Adam and Eve used?
 - Belt of Truth –The way it was: People would wear a tunic and the only way to work or go into battle would be to pull up the excess and wrap it around their waist. The only thing that can hold it together is a belt.

- Truth is the only thing that holds things together! There are a lot of people with their britches falling down because they forgot their belt.
3. **Breastplate of Righteousness** – Protects your vital organs (Your spiritual protection for your identity)....**"You are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus"** – This is your protection against offence, un-forgiveness, and forgetting who you are in this life.
 4. **Feet Shod With the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace**
 - Your Feet represent your ability to move, ability to fight; You need the right kind of shoes to be able to run into battle....RUNNING SHOES.
 - Covered with Peace – Jesus said to shake off the dust (clean your shoes from any mud or debris...offence will cling to anything like dust).
 5. **Shield of Faith** – Faith is the only way to receive from God; it is aggressive not passive in nature. Keep your shield up so it stops any attack from Satan or persecuting words from people (Wicked identifies both).
 6. **Helmet of Salvation** – The Protection of Your Thoughts....Protecting the renewed mind (Cast down imaginations...and bring into captivity).
 7. **Sword of the Spirit** – The offensive weapon that heals the sick, casts out devils, calms the winds and waves, moves mountains and defeats the enemy. What is it? THE WORD OF GOD! – Speak the Word and It will work for you.
 8. **Praying Always With All Prayer** – The glue that keeps it all together.

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"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." — 1 Peter 4:10 (NKJV)