

persistence and determination to partake of God's love. [Stand therefore, having girded your waist with **truth**, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the **Gospel of** peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the **helmet** of salvation, and the sword of the **Spirit,** which is the Word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints]. With this armor. quench your ever so thirsty soul yearning for God's love. For it is love that guides the soul and is the very material of this armor. What other armor that you know will promise these fulfilling gifts? Certainly not of earth! So arise from crippling sin and repent so that you may partake of God's most precious gift of life. For we are all precious in God's sight and he loves us. For love is God's Word, and Love IS God. 18 (Ephesians 6:14-18)

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

The Armor of God

In Ephesians 6:10-17 we are told what to wear to protect us from the Devil.

1. Buckle the BELT OF TRUTH around your waist.

Always tell the truth, admire others who are honest, and remember that God never lies. (Read Psalm 100:5)

2. Strap the BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS on your chest.

Protect your heart by not letting harmful feelings in or out. Do not mistreat other people, and when others hurt you, forgive them and then forget about it. (Read Isaiah 54:14)

3. Fit your feet with the GOSPEL OF PEACE.

The Holy Bible says the Lord hates feet that are fast in running to mischief. Being kind and considerate of others will help you find the path to feeling content and happy. (Read Proverbs 2:20)

4. Take up the SHIELD OF FAITH.

Trust God to take care of you. Don't worry about what might happen, for God promises us that He will help us get through anything. (Read Psalm 56:11)

5. Wear the HELMET OF SALVATION on your head.

Use your brain and learn about the Lord Jesus Christ. Believe that He is God, that He came back to life after being crucified, and that when you die you will go to Heaven.

(Read Romans 10:9)

6. Grasp the SWORD OF THE SPIRIT in your hand.