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Why the whole Armor of God is needed

Ephesians 6:10-20

- 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.
- 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.
- 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
- 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

The Armor of God
Belt of Truth – John 14:6
Breastplate of Righteousness –
Philippians 3:9

Shoes of Readiness –
2 Timothy 4:2
Shield of Faith – Hebrews 11
Helmet of Salvation

Sword of the Spirit Praying at all times Keep alert

Ephesians 6:16 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

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KEY **Hebrews 11:1** 1 Now **faith is** the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Steadfast belief in the Biblical promises, covenants, grace, justification, precepts and principles of God.

SALVATION

1 Corinthians 15:14, 17

- 14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.
- 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

Jesus Christ has been raised so our faith in Him is meaningful, useful and freeing from our sins.

Romans 1:16-17

- 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Ephesians 2:4-10

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

- 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—
- 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
- 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

- 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

We are saved by grace when we believe that Jesus is Lord and God raised Him from the dead. Believe that Jesus is exactly who the Bible says He is truly God, truly Man.

How to live the Armor of God: Shield of Faith

2 Corinthians 5:6-7

- 6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,
- 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight.

KEY Hebrews 11:6

6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Faith not only saves but makes it possible for us to please God.

Drawing near to God is important to our maturing faith.

2 Thessalonians 1:3-4

- 3 We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, **because your faith is growing abundantly**, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.
- 4 Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and **faith in** all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

Our faith grows as we biblically love like Christ and live like Jesus.

Love each other well, maintain steadfastness and faith in persecution and afflictions.

Ephesians 2:1-3

- 1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins
- 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—
- 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Faith, empower and guided by the Holy Spirit, enables us to live in the world but not of it. The fruit we bear, the goals we accomplish bring God glory and make disciples.

Hebrews 11 Summation By Faith...

Read the verses with bold in it. Attached BIBLE VERSES RELATED TO FAITH USED

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Romans 1:8-10

- 8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world.
- 9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you
- 10 always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you.

Romans 1:17

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Romans 4:1-25

Abraham Justified by Faith

- 1 What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh?
- 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.
- 3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."
- 4 Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.
- 5 And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,
- 6 just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:
- 7 "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered;
- 8 blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."
- 9 Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness.
- 10 How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised.
- 11 He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had **By faith** while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well,
- 12 and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

The Promise Realized Through Faith

- 13 For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.
- 14 For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.
- 15 For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

- 16 That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,
- 17 as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.
- 18 In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be."
- 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.
- 20 No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,
- 21 fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.
- 22 That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness."
- 23 But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone,
- 24 but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord,
- 25 who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Romans 14:20-23

- 20 Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats.
- 21 It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble.
- 22 The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves.
- 23 But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

1 Corinthians 15:12-17

- 12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?
- 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.
- 14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.
- 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.
- 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.
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Hebrews 11:1-40 By Faith

- 1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- 2 For by it the people of old received their commendation.
- 3 **By faith** we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

- 4 **By faith** Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.
- 5 **By faith** Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.
- 6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.
- 7 **By faith** Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes **By faith**.
- 8 **By faith** Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.
- 9 **By faith** he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.
- 10 For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.
- 11 **By faith** Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.
- 12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.
- 13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.
- 14 For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.
- 15 If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return.
- 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.
- 17 **By faith** Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son,
- 18 of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named."
- 19 He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.
- 20 **By faith** Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau.
- 21 **By faith** Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff.
- 22 **By faith** Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.
- 23 **By faith** Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.
- 24 By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,
- 25 choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.
- 26 He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

- 27 **By faith** he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.
- 28 **By faith** he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.
- 29 **By faith** the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.
- 30 **By faith** the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.
- 31 **By faith** Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.
- 32 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, **Jephthah**, of David and Samuel and the prophets—
- 33 **who through faith conquered** kingdoms, **enforced** justice, **obtained** promises, **stopped** the mouths of lions,
- 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.
- 35 Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.
- 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.
- 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—
- 38 **of whom the world was not worthy**—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.
- 39 And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,
- 40 since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

OTHER RESOURCES

Sharing the Truth Tips

When revealing the Biblical truth to someone ask questions and give them the opportunity to wrestle with their relationship with Jesus.

It is the Holy Spirt who gives Christians the proper heart, mind, soul and strength to share the Biblical truth in a way that will hopefully result in salvation and sanctification for the hearer.

Ask questions, encourage others to ask questions. Everyone is three good questions away from sharing what is really going on in their heart, mind and soul.

SERMON AUDIO: Jack Hibbs – The Shield of Faith

https://jackhibbs.com/sermons/the-shield-of-faith/

YOUTUBE: Alistair Begg – The Shield of Faith

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SlwtSc4LDq

YOUTUBE: John MacArthur - The Armor of God: The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace and The Shield of Faith (Ephesians 6:15-16)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TNSoLy4cvqg

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YOUTUBE: Charles Spurgeon – SHIELD OF FAITH

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DyfmjR5IAII

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https://www.spurgeongems.org/sermon/chs416.pdf