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From the Pastor's Pen . . . What is the full armor of God?" - Ephesians 6:13-17

The phrase "full armor of God" comes from Ephesians 6:13-17: "Therefore put on the full armor of God . . . Ephesians 6:12 clearly indicates that the conflict with Satan is spiritual, and therefore no tangible weapons can be effectively employed against him and his minions. We are not given a list of specific tactics Satan will use. However, the passage is quite clear that when we follow all the instructions faithfully, we will be able to stand, and we will have victory regardless of Satan's strategy.

The first element of our armor is truth (verse 14). This is easy to understand, since Satan is said to be the "father of lies" (John 8:44). Deception is high on the list of things God considers to be an abomination. A "lying tongue" is one of the things He describes as "detestable to Him" (Proverbs 6:16-17). We are therefore exhorted to put on truth for our own sanctification and deliverance, as well as for the benefit of those to whom we witness.

Also in verse 14, we are told to put on the breastplate of righteousness. A breastplate shielded a warrior's vital organs from blows that would otherwise be fatal. This righteousness is not works of righteousness done by men. Rather, this is the righteousness of Christ, imputed by God and received by faith, which guards our hearts against the accusations and charges of Satan and secures our innermost being from his attacks.

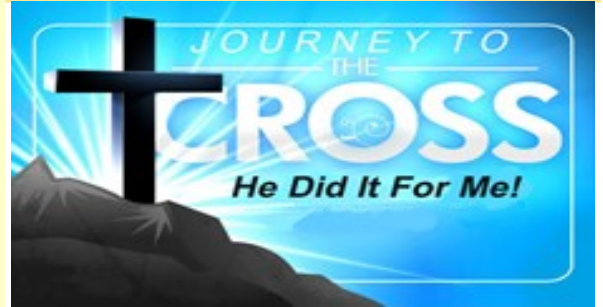
Verse 15 speaks of the preparation of the feet for spiritual conflict. In warfare, sometimes an enemy places dangerous obstacles in the path of advancing soldiers. The idea of the preparation of the gospel of peace as footwear suggests what we need to advance into Satan's territory, aware that there will be traps, with the message of grace so essential to winning souls to Christ. Satan has many obstacles placed in the path to halt the propagation of the gospel.

The shield of faith spoken of in verse 16 makes Satan's sowing of doubt about the faithfulness of God and His Word ineffective. Our faith—of which Christ is "the author and perfecter" (Hebrews 12:2)—is like a golden shield, precious, solid, and substantial.

The helmet of salvation in verse 17 is protection for the head, keeping viable a critical part of the body. We could say that our way of thinking needs preservation. The head is the seat of the mind, which, when it has laid hold of the sure gospel hope of eternal life, will not receive false doctrine or give way to Satan's temptations. The unsaved person has no hope of warding off the blows of false doctrine because he is without the helmet of salvation and his mind is incapable of discerning between spiritual truth and spiritual deception.

Verse 17 interprets itself as to the meaning of the sword of the Spirit—it is the Word of God. While all the other pieces of spiritual armor are defensive in nature, the sword of the Spirit is the only offensive weapon in the armor of God. It speaks of the holiness and power of the Word of God. A greater spiritual weapon is not conceivable. In Jesus' temptations in the desert, the Word of God was always His overpowering response to Satan. What a blessing that the same Word is available to us!

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Welcome to PMG

Sunday School—9:00 am

Morning Worship—10:20 am

Wednesday Family Bible Study—6:30 pm

Welcome to our church family. We are honored you have come to share this day with us. We invite you to join us as we give our highest praise to God our Father for giving us the opportunity to come together to worship. If you are looking for a church home, please consider us in your spiritual journey. It is our prayer that the songs will uplift you, and God's word will encourage you. You are encouraged to complete the visitor card, so that we can stay in touch with you.

Enter to Worship . . .

Call to Worship

Praise & Worship

Scripture & Prayer

Worship Ministry

Welcome

Offering

Virtue Dance Ministry

Worship Ministry

Sermon

Pastor Larry J. Mouton, Jr.

Invitation

Altar Prayer

The Lord's Supper

(1st Sunday)

Benediction

. . . Depart to Serve

Pastor Appreciation

Sunday, April 12, 2015

10:20 AM



Contact the church office for address changes, phone number changes, email address change or update and if you are not receiving the phones calls from the church.

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Evelyn Collins, ext. 201 Pastor Mouton, ext 202

From the Pastor's Pen—*Continued from front page* . .

In verse 18, we are told to pray in the Spirit (that is, with the mind of Christ, with His heart and His priorities) in addition to wearing the full armor of God. We cannot neglect prayer, as it is the means by which we draw spiritual strength from God. Without prayer, without reliance upon God, our efforts at spiritual warfare are empty and futile. The full armor of God—truth, righteousness, the gospel, faith, salvation, the Word of God, and prayer—are the tools God has given us, through which we can be spiritually victorious, overcoming Satan's attacks and temptations.

Be Blessed

Opportunities to Serve

Monday

10:00 am Keenagers Bible Study

Tuesday

6:00 pm Career Solutions
6:30 pm Healing Wings (1st)
7:00 pm Ushers (2nd)
7:30 pm Resurrection 3

Wednesday

10:00 am Keenagers Bible Study
6:30 pm Family Bible Study
6:30 pm Children/Youth
7:45 pm Worship Ministry Rehearsal

Friday

10:00 am Keenagers Bible Study

Saturday

9:00 am Male Chorus (1st & 2nd)
10:00 am Brotherhood (1st & 2nd)
10:00 am Women's Ministry (1st & 3rd)
10:00 am Virtue Dance Practice
11:00 am Deacons (1st)

What's Happening in April . .

- 3 Good Friday Service, 6:30 pm
- 4 Ft. Worth Area Ushers Workshop, 9 – 1 pm @ PMG
- 4 City-Wide Brotherhood, 5:30 pm Bethlehem, Mansfield
- 5 **Easter Sunday**
- 7 **Career Solutions, 6 pm**
- 11 **12 Week Completion Ceremony**
- 11 **Breakfast with Pastor & Sis. Mouton, 9-11 am**
- 12 **Pastor & Sis. Mouton's Appreciation Service**
- 15 TAX Day
- 17 Como Food Pantry, 8:30 am
- 19 New Member Reception
- 19 Federated Male Chorus, 3 pm, Strangers Rest



Join us for
Family Bible Study
Each Wednesday,
6:30 pm

Adult Sunday School Lessons . .

- April 5 A Resurrected People, Rom. 6: 1-14
- April 12 Serve: God's People Serve All People, Especially the Family of God, Gal. 6:10; Matt. 5:13-16; Acts 2:43-47
- April 19 Fellowship: Joining Together with the Family of God I Cor. 1:9; Rom. 12:9-18; Phil. 1:3-7
- April 26 The Ordinances: Baptism and the Lord's Supper Col 2: 9-15; I Cor. 11:17-32

April Birthday's

- Cheryl Whittington—4
- Ash'lynn Dixon -5
- Marie Powell - 10
- Allen Malone -11
- Wanda Eddington - 12
- Deon Brown – 14
- Mark Moran –14
- Kiarra Henderson—14
- Sheridan Sanders – 14
- Loma Slater - 16
- Tia Russell - 21
- Hanna Mouton - 22
- Tarij Woolen - 25
- Gloria Pearson – 26
- Thelma Bridgewater - 27
- Joshua Frierson – 29
- Kia Jones – 29
- Percy Rogers -30

Career Solutions Workshop is a job seekers workshop for people unhappily employed, underemployed, not employed or looking to change jobs. It is a 12 Week Christian Faith based workshop, in which you'll learn how to move forward after the loss of a job, resume building, interviewing 101 and much more. Join us each Tuesday, at 6 pm in Sanders Fellowship all. Our first group to complete the workshop will be recognized Tuesday, April 7.

Children & Youth . .

Bring your parents to Sunday school and Wednesday night bible study.

Begin gathering *report card, recognitions and other achievements* for our celebration in July.

Special Thanks to Covenant Classical School for the flowers plant in the front of the church.

April Wedding Anniversary's

Kenneth & Ruby Queen, 12
Donald & Merle Jackson 29

Local & Denominational News . .

Baptist Ministers Union— Banquet
May 1, Grace Tabernacle
Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas
May 5-7, (S.A. Pleasant) Board Crockett
National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc.
June 29—July 2. . .National Baptist Congress & Youth Convention, Dallas



Calling ALL High School and College Graduates . .

Recognition Day—May 31, 2015
Contact: Sis. Ramona Colbert



Reading Opportunities . .

Family Driven Faith
I Am A Church Member
Autopsy of a Deceased Church

Culinary Workers . .

Please present your updated Food Handlers Certificate to the Culinary Chair, Sis. Tommie Frierson. Remember, no one in the kitchen without a **Food Handler's Card**.

