

Edward Christian Church

**Spiritual
Warfare
Pt 18**

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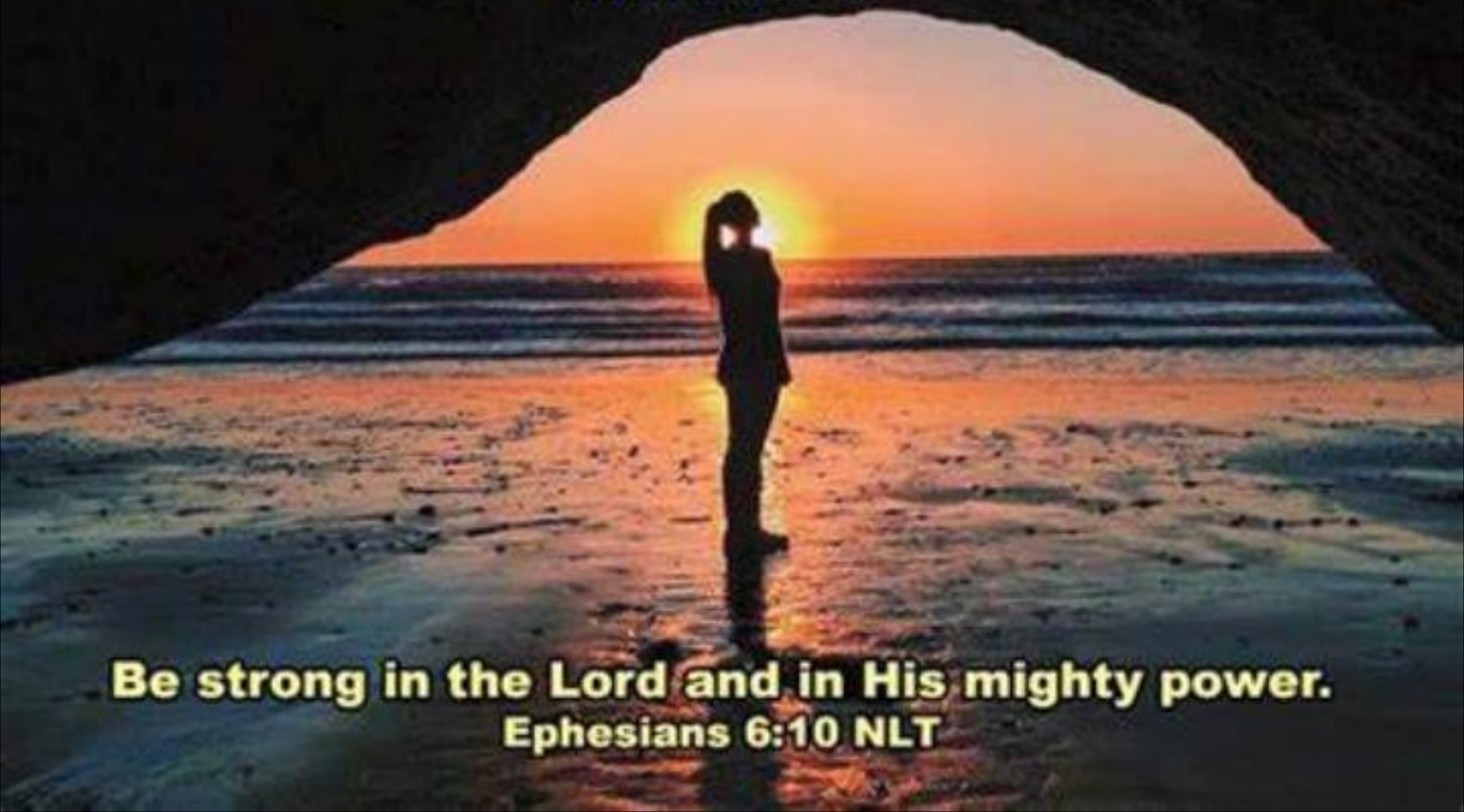
Armor Up!!! p3

Ephesians 6

ARE YOU READY FOR BATTLE?

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you are strong, but because God is.**
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Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.
Ephesians 6:10 NLT

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Warning

- **Be (*now-constant*)**
- **Strong (*infused w- inner ability*)**
 - **In the Lord (*found one place*)**
- **Power (*overwhelming – irresistible*)**
 - **Might (*strong arm*)**

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I WILL BUILD

MY CHURCH

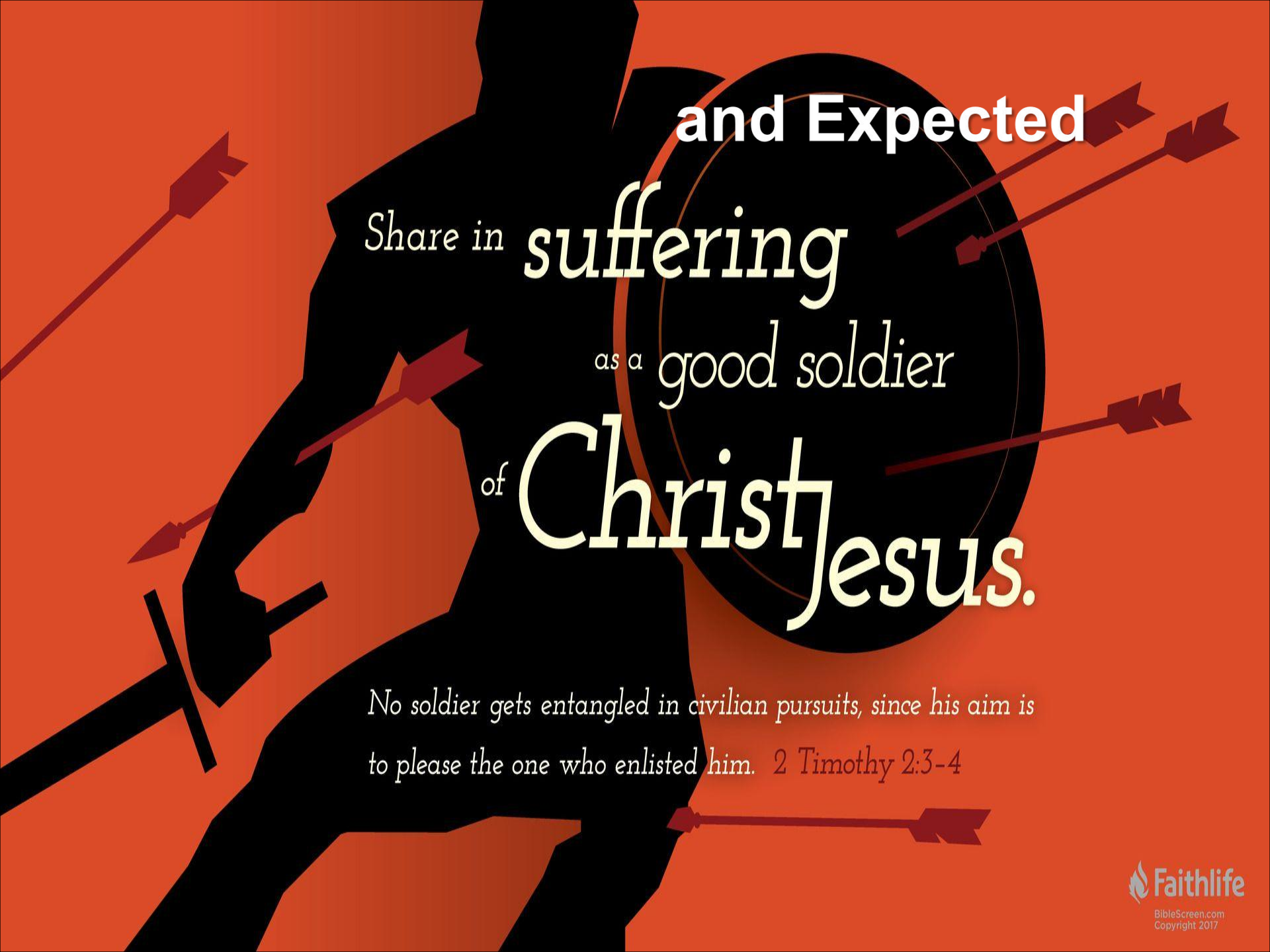
The Devil Knows ...

He Cannot:

Stop the Building of God's Church
And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. -Matthew 16:18

He Can Try:

Stop the Movement of God's Church!!



and Expected
Share in suffering
as a good soldier
of Christ Jesus.

No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. 2 Timothy 2:3-4

Radically Directed and Expected

Psalms 144:1 (KJV)

Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, /my fingers to fight:

2 Timothy 2:3 (KJV)

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

We are Not on a Playground...

No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is

to please him who has called him to be a soldier.
...but a Battle Ground !!

Impenetrable Armor of God

For the weapons
of our
warfare
are
not carnal,
but mighty
in God
for
pulling
down
strong-
holds.

2 Corinth-
ians 10:4



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Realize That We Are Equipped to Win
“Put on the Whole Armour of God”

Paul Is Not...

- ⌘ Making a suggestion
- ⌘ But strongest kind of command
- ⌘ Take immediate action.

“Put on the whole armor that comes from God....”

Corinth-
ians 10:4



BLESSED BE THE LORD
MY STRENGTH

WHO TEACHES
MY HANDS TO FIGHT

AND MY
FINGERS TO WAR

Impenetrable Armor of God

Radical Protection

Three Specific Categories

**Each Category has It's Own Merit
in the Fight for Right.....**

AND MY
FINGERS TO WAR

A close-up photograph of a Roman soldier's waist. He is wearing a red tunic and a metal cuirass. His leather belt is heavily decorated with metal discs and has a sword scabbard hanging from it. He is using a large metal buckle to tighten the belt. The background is a textured blue.

IS IT TIME TO
TIGHTEN YOUR BELT?

The Armor Of Consistency 14-15

❑ Loins girt w/ Truth(*put all around*)

❑ Freedom

❑ Support

“Held Weapons + Medals”

⌘ I Pet. 1:13, "*gird (gird afresh) up loins of mind*"

❑ Prevent from Tangling / Falling

⌘ Calls for Truthfulness

❑ John 8:44 - *our enemy is a liar*

▪ One of his most effective weapons

The Armor Of Consistency 14-15

"PUT ON THE
FULL
ARMOR
OF GOD..."

EPHESIANS 6:10-20



THAT YOU MAY BE
ABLE TO STAND
AGAINST THE WILES
OF THE DEVIL.

The Armor Of Consistency 14-15

"PUT ON THE
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ARMOR
OF GOD...

Ephesians 6:10-20

Loins girt w/ Truth(*put all around*)

Breastplate of Righteousness

☐ **Most Beautiful**

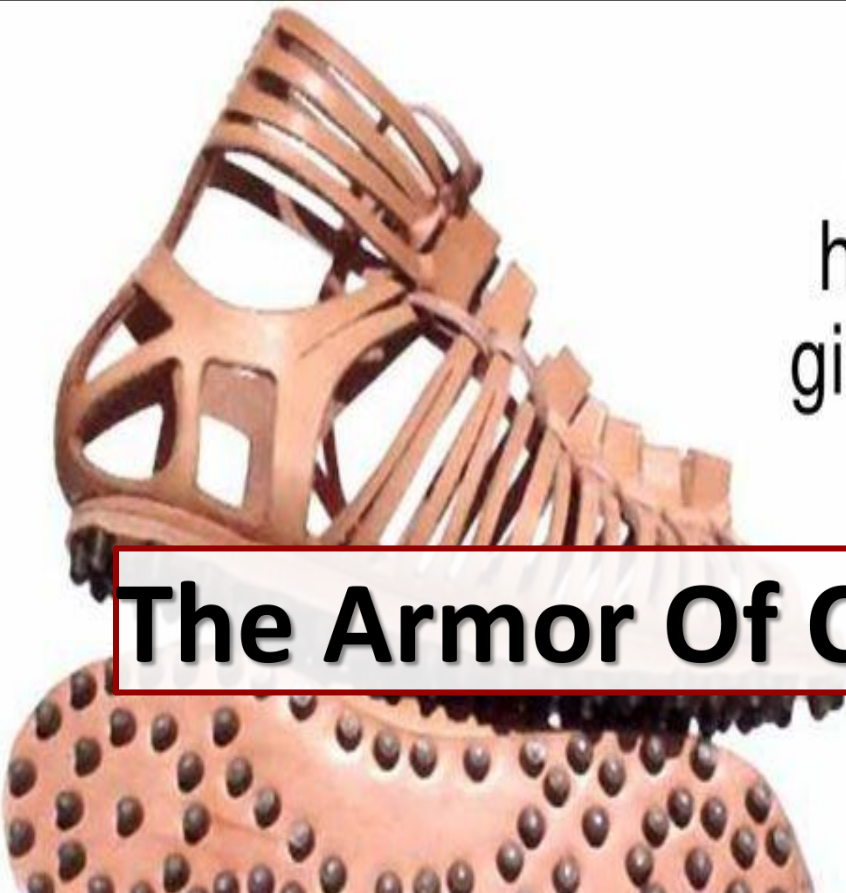
☐ **Heaviest Piece of Armor**

☐ **Interlocking...**

Silver/ Brass

OF THE DEVIL.

The Armor Of Consistency 14-15



and, as shoes for your feet,
having put on the ***readiness***
given by the gospel of peace.
- Ephesians 6:15

The Armor Of Consistency 14-15

Loins girt w/ Truth(*put all around*)

Breastplate of Righteousness

Feet Shod(*bind tightly*) with...

...Preparation of Gospel of Peace

The Armor Of Consistency 14-15



The Good News
of Peace
Ephesians 6:15

The Armor Of Consistency 14-15

2 Parts

Shoes / Greaves

☐ Surefootedness

- Spike of Sole 1"- 3"

☐ Protection

⌘ Underfoot

⌘ Around Leg(*brush/ other boots*)

Rom 16:20

God of Peace shall bruise under ft shortly

The Armor Of Confidence 16-17

Shield of Faith

Roman soldiers owned two shields

⌘ **1st- public parades ceremonies**

○ **small, round decorative shield**

⌘ **2nd- used in battle**

○ **shaped like a door**

#1- in battle shield completely covered a Roman soldier!

#2- This tells us that God has given us enough faith to make sure we are completely covered

The Armor Of Confidence 16-17

This Shield was composed of multiple layers (6)

⌘ thick animal hide

⌘ tightly woven together.

⌘ became almost as strong as steel.

⌘ it was extremely strong and exceptionally long-lasting and hard-wearing.

⌘ Likewise, your faith is extremely tough and exceptionally durable

No matter how hard /long the enemy beats against your faith...

...your faith can outlast his attack.

Important for the Soldier to Take Good Care of It
Although the shield was ext strong and durable

∞ **could become stiff and breakable**

∞ **Properly care for them**

∞ **daily schedule for maintaining condition**

∞ **Each morning thoroughly rub oil into the leather**

∞ **keep it soft and pliable.**

∞ **to ignore daily application of oil to was the
equivalent of his inviting certain death**

***Faith that is ignored nearly always breaks and falls
to pieces during a confrontation with the enemy***

- ⌘ There was another reason the Roman soldier's shield was made out of animal hide.
- ⌘ Before battle placed his shield in a tub of water
- ⌘ soaking until shield was completely saturated.
- ⌘ enemies used arrows that carried fire!
- ⌘ wet surface would extinguish on impact!
- ⌘ gave the soldier the upper hand in battle

We must make certain that we are allowing the Holy Spirit to freshly anoint our lives on a daily basis as we regularly saturate our faith with the water of the Word.

3-Arrow Types:

- **Plain**
 - **Dipped in Tar and Set on Fire**
 - **Combustible Fluids/ Burst in Flames**
 - **These fluid-filled arrows were not used in normal combat situations**
- **Reserved to inflict damage on a fortified place or an encampment.**
- **Our Enemy Seeks to Control Our Fortified Places - Our Emotions and Heart**

Above All

Describes position over other pieces

**It could be better translated, “out in front of all” or
“covering all.”**

- **Shields Joined Together Formed a Hood
...Protected fr. Massive Overhead Attacks
“Testudo Formation”**

***Faith is designed to be out in front where
it can completely cover you in every
situation of life!***

 **Don't Fall for Satan Lies**

 **Telling You that Your Not Good Enough**

 **You Need to Pick Up / Apply His...**

 **Truth**

 **Righteousness**

 **Peace**

 **Faith**

 **Salvation**

That Way,

 **Having Done All to Stand**

 **You Can Stand!!**



**It's Time to Put on His Armor
And Spread His Message
Don't Be Afraid
Your Covered!**

