

Naked Christians

WHO THINK THEY'RE WEARING THE ARMOUR

OF

God

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For Years

FOR years I thought that I had been wearing all the armor of God. I would get up in the morning and imagine I was putting on the helmet of salvation. I would put on my breastplate, I would imagine I was tying the belt of truth around my waist, then I would pull on my shoes I would reach for my shield and sword of the Spirit. I would then proceed to challenge Satan to a battle as I swung my sword at him and his invisible demons.

Of course I never saw the results of these wonderful battles, as you can not see invisible evil spirits, so I don't know how many I got or missed. It was an every day occurrence for me to have these battles and I enjoyed them, until one day the Lord told me I was just fighting an imaginary battle in my head and no where else. As you could imagine it deflated my ego, there I was fighting Satan the great enemy every morning, only to be told it was all in my head, it was only my imagination.

Of course I felt a little bit better when I thought of all the other Christians I knew who were doing as I had done, fighting these great spiritual battles it eased the embarrassment a little.

After I had got over my initial shock I proceeded to ask the Lord, where had I got it wrong, and why was this all in my imagination? I thought that this is what he wanted me to do! Then the Lord reminded me of a story I had read years ago when I was at primary school. It was a story of an Emperor, who wanted a new suit, and he went to his tailors and demanded the most beautiful suit that ever could be made. The poor tailors were frantic because they couldn't come up with anything that could please the Emperor, who said he would give them one last chance before he beheaded them.

On his next visit the Emperor came to the tailors house, and the poor men were pale with fright because they had not come up with anything, that would please the Emperor. Then one of them had an idea, lets tell the Emperor that we have made an invisible suit that only the most intelligent people could see. When the Emperor came in to the room

where the tailors were, he seen them working away, sewing and cutting, but he couldn't see what they were cutting or sewing, so he asked, what are you doing? The tailors smiled at him and said they were just putting the finishing touches to his beautiful new invisible suit. They told him, it was so beautiful that only the most intelligent people could see it, and was it not the most beautiful suit that he had ever seen? Fit only for the greatest and most intelligent Emperor in the entire world. The Emperor stuttered and stammered for a few moments, then said, oh! I can see it now, its beautiful, can I try it on", and he took off all his clothes. The two tailors pretended to fit his suit on and then asked him how did it fit, and the Emperor said "like a glove"

Then the Lord began to explain things to me. He had me turn to **Ephesians 6-10.**

Ephesians 6-10 Last of all I want to remind that your strength must come from the Lords mighty power within you. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand safe against all strategies and tricks of Satan. For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against persons without bodies-the evil rulers of the unseen world, those mighty satanic beings, and great evil princes of darkness, who rule this world; and against huge numbers of wicked spirits in the spirit world. So use every piece of God's armor to resist the enemy whenever he attacks, and when it is all over you will still be standing up.

But to do this you will need **the strong belt of truth** and the **breastplate of Gods approval**. -**Wear shoes** that are able to speed you on as you **preach the Good News of peace with God**. In every battle you will need **faith as your shield**, and to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan. -And you will need the **helmet of salvation**, and the **sword of the Spirit**, the word of God.

Pray all the time. Ask God for anything in line with the Holy Spirits wishes. Plead with him. Reminding him of your needs, and keep praying for all Christians everywhere.

The first thing I became aware of was, it said, put on all of Gods armor". I sat for a long time trying to figure all this out, Gods armor, not my armor. I had been imagining putting on **my armor" every day**, and my armor was in my mind, it wasn't real. The armor God talks about in Ephesians is real; it's his, its supernatural, not natural or imaginary. Then God's

Holy Spirit began to guide me and explain the meaning of this whole scripture, and I share that with you now.

PUT ON GOD'S ARMOR.

Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand safe against all strategies and tricks of Satan! Satan has deceived us into believing that we were putting on armor every day just like the Emperor was deceived by the two tailors. He has used his tricks and strategies on us.

The Holy Spirit showed me that God's armor is supernatural. We are to put on God's supernatural armor when we put our armor on. Another thing the Holy Spirit showed, once the armor goes on, it stays on even as you sleep, you do not take it off or put it on when you go to bed or when you get up. It should be permanent. Its not rough or bulky like a mediaeval suit of armor, it fits like a glove, over your spirit, not your mind, the mind is carnal, [flesh] the spirit is supernatural. And you can only put **a supernatural** suit, over a **supernatural**. Spirit. The Spirit of God is within you and I, and has become one with our spirit, and so needs the supernatural armor on, to protect us.

Let us take the armor one bit at a time. God's word says you need first of all, put on the **strong belt of truth**. You would think it would be the helmet first but no it's the belt of truth, God says to put on!

THE STRONG BELT OF TRUTH.

A belt worn by a modern day soldier holds his gun, his ammunition, his radio, and his first aid pack. His knife Everything he needs for survival.

The belt you have to wear is even greater; it is a belt of power. Your belt contains information, all the data on your enemy the Devil. It holds the truth about the victory that Jesus won for you on Calvary. It holds the secrets of the kingdom of God. It holds all your other armor in place.

Jesus said the truth will set you free! Every time the Devil catches you, and ties you up with fear, worry, stress, sickness, disease, death, disasters, then you must reach into your belt of truth and see what Jesus

done for you, to see if he provided for you a way out of your snare.

You see your belt is like a modern day computer it holds all the information you will ever need but you need to know your computer, you need to know how to access information, it also needs to be fed information. A computer has to be programmed with information, so that when you need help you can just recall what has been stored in the memory, that is the same with the belt of truth. Your belt holds what has been stored in your memory, what you have learned about your rights and powers and gifts from the word of God.

For the belt of truth to work you has to have learned what the truth is regarding what is yours by right, as a child of God. The more information you have on your rights and powers and gifts, then the stronger your belt will be.

One truth you should have in your belt:

Romans 8-37 Overwhelming victory is ours through Christ who loved us enough to die for us.

If this piece of weaponry is not hanging from your belt, then every time Satan tries to wipe you out, you can not attack him back with the truth, using the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God. Its like these science fiction movies, you see the hero loading his weapon with a power pack. And uses a different pack each time he encounters a different enemy, in fact you can see even more when you go to an amusement arcade, and play these war games you can see the different weaponry available as you reach different levels. For those of us not computer minded, its like loading a gun with bullets.

Overwhelming victory means, that no matter what Satan throws at you, you know without a doubt that you have the victory over him every Time. Another piece of weaponry truth is:

Matthew 28-20: Behold I am with you always

Satan would have us believe that God has deserted us at times. You know those times when you can not seem to get answers from God. Then Satan works on your mind, your feelings and emotions. Because

that's where the battlefield lays All the battles take place there. God works on the faith level, Satan works on the feeling, and emotional levels.

The truth is I am with you always says God. Satan says. God has deserted you, your on your own, and puts on you feelings of despair, emptiness, and disillusionment. **YOU**, have to pull from your belt of truth, your ammunition. Load up your sword of the spirit with the word of truth, and **say** "Satan you are a liar, my God is with me always, I do not believe your lies. No matter what I am feeling," and you must keep that weapon loaded and keep firing at him, bullets of truth.

For all truth to work you must have that ammunition already loaded into your belt of truth, in other words you must know your bible, you must know the promises of God you must know what belongs to you by right, you must know what Jesus done for you. If you don't know all this then you need to sit down seriously and study God's word, it is your belt of truth. I will write some truths at the end of this book for you to learn so you can load them into your belt, for the time you will need them in your coming battles with Satan.

If you do not believe the wonderful truths of God's word, the bible, then you have no belt of truth on and your in serious trouble, because the belt of truth is the main weapon in all your arsenal. The belt of truth is where you load all the other weapons on to, you see you can not have faith without truth, **faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God Romans 10-17**. All Gods armor is intertwined there are no links missing. As you read on I will show you that without the belt of truth you can not have the breastplate of righteousness on how you cannot have the helmet of salvation on, or the rest of the armor on either.

If you do not know the truth of God's word, then you stand de fenceless before Satan, because without truth you can not have faith and what stops the fiery arrows aimed at you? The shield of faith! Truth links every piece of armor together.

THE BREASTPLATE OF GODS APPROVAL.

If you are not assured that you have God's approval, then you will find it difficult at times to come into his presence boldly, assured of a glad welcome.

Hebrews 10-19 Now we may walk into the Holy of Holy where God is, because of the blood of Jesus.

If you do not have that confidence to walk into Gods mighty presence, knowing that he is glad to see you every time, then you does not have the breastplate of righteousness on. God's approval means you are in right standing with him at all times, in other words you are considered righteous before God because of the blood of Jesus. The breastplate covers your heart, your most vulnerable area, if you get a direct hit on the heart its fatal, you can live even if you have a direct hit on the head, but not on the heart. The breastplate must never ever come off it must remain on, like the rest, permanently!

Satan prowls about like a hungry lion seeking to see whom he may devour 1 Peter 5-8

Satan does not only seek to do you harm while your awake and alert, he is out to destroy you day or night relentlessly, he does not sleep. If you let your guard down at any time he is in there like a shot trying to destroy you.

You have to be aware of your position before God You are not at the back of the queue when you stand before God you are up there with the greatest, because of Jesus. But you have to assured of that, you have to be confident, that you and God are the best of friends, and that you are loved beyond everything, that you are loved far above every sin that you could ever commit.

Jesus gave his life for you because he loved you, he loved you sins, faults and failings and all, and he even loved you with the worst sin that you have ever committed. All so that you could stand before the father **with out even a single fault, holy in his eyes. Ephesians 1-4**

Romans 5-8: God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. And since by his blood he did all this for us as sinners, how much more will he do for us now that he has declared us not guilty?

Jesus died for you and I while we were still sinners. It wasn't because we were great people that he died for us. He died out of pure love for us all, so that he could remove our sins from us. Enabling us to come before God the Father without fear of punishment.

Romans 5-1

Since we have been made right in God's sight by faith in his promises. That allows you to wear the breastplate of righteousness. You can not afford to allow even a moment of doubt to enter you in regard to your righteousness with God. God has paid a great price for your soul. He sacrificed his only son so that you could come before him righteous, boldly entering into his presence with praise. If you do not believe that you are righteous before God then your breastplate is not there. And you are vulnerable. We must believe that Jesus died for as we are right now, with our sins, with our faults, with our failings, so that **HE** could make **us** perfect in God's sight **Hebrews 10-14.**

Jesus paid an awful price for us; he went to Hell itself all so that he could present us frail weak sinful human beings, to the Father as Holy and sinless. He paid for every sin that we could ever commit, now or in the future. It gives Jesus no glory whatsoever for you to go about feeling like a failure or afraid to think of yourself as righteous before Almighty God. You have not made yourself righteous, so you have no self-righteousness, which is sinful, but you have been given the grace of being made righteous, through Jesus dying for you and I.

The breastplate of God's approval is righteousness with God, and knowing that you can come to him any time, boldly, confidently, assured of a glad welcome, knowing God is glad to see you. Righteousness keeps your back, as well as your front covered. Many a time you are attacked from behind. Behind our backs people talk about us, lie about us and slander us. Satan uses people to destroy us, not just evil spirits.

Without righteousness, [God's approval] you have no protection. —If you do not believe this then you have no belt of truth on either, because truth and righteousness are inter-linked. The truth is you are righteous, believe this and you are wearing both the belt and the breastplate.

A terrible sad thing to realise is, if we do not believe these things that the bible, [God's word] says, then we deny the very fact that Jesus died for us, and that his death on the cross was for nothing. Think soberly about this.

Wear shoes that are able to speed you on as you preach the Good News of peace with God.

God wants you to walk about every where that you go telling people all you can about Jesus and what he done for them. You may be saying, I am not going around like some lunatic talking about Jesus, everyone would think I was mad. I have found it amazing that Christians find it easier to talk about someone behind their back slandering people, telling lies, criticising, and condemning others. Swapping dirty stories, telling vulgar and crude jokes, and passes on nice juicy gossip, that tears some poor child of God down, than to talk about Jesus to someone, it's crazy. Its easier to destroy a person with gossip, than to tell that poor person that Jesus loves them and has forgiven them and wants to have a relationship with them.

We can talk about some poor girl who got pregnant, to some married man, and call her sluts and other vile names, [the mans rarely talked about], and yet we would not talk to this child of God about forgiveness and how much God loves her.

In my city's local newspaper, last weeks headlines were! Over fifteen suicide attempts a week in Derry. — I was shocked when I read that, people trying to end their lives. Isn't that sad? If only someone would have put on some Good News shoes, and told them about how God **promises to work everything out for their good Romans 8-28.** Preaching the Good News does not mean you has to stand on some street corner shouting out Jesus loves you. You can share the Good News of peace with God every day with people. Try talking to your friends sometimes. Some of them may be living in quiet desperation and putting on a brave front. I have become aware when doing healing services people tell me they are lonely afraid, sad depressed, living in despair, and guilt, and no one seems to have told them the truth about Jesus, about this forgiveness about his promise of a New Life.

I was asked to lead a life in the spirit seminar in Co, Donegal one time. A married couple told me afterwards. That they had gone home and told

everyone what happened to them; [they were baptised in the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues.] The husband's mother turned around and said, sure I received that twelve years ago. They just stood there amazed, here they were, hearing about, and receiving God's Holy Spirit and so grateful for this experience of God's touch and his mother knew about it twelve years ago and told no one! They were shocked and angry, because they had come through some very difficult times, and if they had been told about this gift from God they would have grabbed it gratefully. They later found out, his mother had been going to prayer meetings in another county for those twelve years, and all that time no one knew where she had been going, they just presumed she had been going to bingo.

This woman knew about the Good News and told no one. Not one person was blessed out of her experience with God. In fact just the opposite happened when others found out that she knew of this great experience from God, and didn't tell them. The couple on the other hand told everyone even their neighbours, Catholic and Protestant They opened up their home to everyone who would come, and the wife, who worked in a beauty salon, invited everyone to come and hear about Jesus. And many came and were baptised in the Holy Spirit and were healed of many diseases.

This couple wore their shoes of the Good News and told others who came and were blessed. Of course not everyone who were asked came, those who did were blessed, and came back with others also.

You do not have to have a prayer meeting in your home. If you do that's great. But God does say wear shoes that are able to speed you on as you preach [TELL] the Good News of peace with God. That is what God wants from us, tell others that they can have PEACE with God, that their sins are forgiven them, that Jesus died for them even though they are sinners, and that he loves them unconditionally.

A friend of ours chats away to people she meets, and she has had more people say to her, say a wee prayer for me, I need this or that. and she tells them Jesus loves them also and will listen to them as much as he listens to her. She builds up their confidence and trust in God. Just a little word or two dropped here and there when talking to someone sometimes means so much. Sometimes I have had people tell me, maybe years later that what I said to them had helped them so much. And I

didn't even know what I said; I just talk about God all the time anyway. But the Holy Spirit planted a little seed. Because I have my shoes of the Good News on all the time every where I go, there's an opportunity to share with people Gods love.

It is just as easy to share good news, as it is to share filth and dirt, gossip or slander. All you have to do is, Just be open to sharing even a little bit about Jesus, a word or two here or there makes a difference to peoples lives.

To have your armor on all the time there has to be a willingness to share Jesus with others. Remember that someone shared Jesus with you that are probably why you're reading this little book. The shoes of your spiritual armor are like a pair of fisherman's water boot's, they come up to your waist to join with your belt of truth;

THE SHIELD OF FAITH

For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood. Stop and think! God says we're not fighting people made of flesh and blood **but against persons without bodies! The evil rulers of the unseen world.** Rulers of an unseen world mean that there is another world parallel with ours that we just don't see.

To make it easier to explain, have you ever seen those nature program's on T. V. where they take you into some insect's nest, like an anthill? And they show you how much order and discipline there is in that kingdom, every insect is busy doing his and her job, it is totally fascinating never knew so much activity was going on in little ant hills. They were just bugs to me. But they are engrossed in their world, taking no heed of ours. They are mostly invisible to you and I, we don't pay heed to their existence except to watch on some nature program, or when one bites us.

Not so the invisible world of Satan's kingdom of evil spirits, demons, powers and principalities. They are busy not in collecting food or running their world they are out to destroy our world. Its just like those alien films we watch, when some horrible aliens try and invade the earth, there they go blasting everything in front Of them, hell bent on destroying this world, their only thoughts are to conquer. Satan's kingdom is like that. Their only thought is to invade and destroy and conquer; -

The thief comes to steal kill and destroy. John-10-10; Jesus himself said this, that Satan's only purpose is to destroy what God made, and that is this world, and you and I.

There is an invisible world, just like the ant world, that we do not see but exists with a soul purpose of destroying you and I, and I am trying to get that through to you. **Satanic beings and great evil princes of darkness, who rule this world, and against huge numbers of wicked spirits in the spirit world.**

Mighty satanic beings and great evil princes. These evil creatures are not weak or feeble, God describes them as Mighty, and Great, but thanks and praise be to God we are stronger than them, we have a power over everyone of them, including Satan himself their most powerful leader.

At the NAME OF JESUS every knee must bow, in heaven on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is lord. Philippians 2-11; Even Satan himself must bow [give way] to you when you confront him in the name of Jesus.

Luke 10-19: I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy.

For your shield of faith to work against your great enemies, you have to know your authority you have to believe that you have power over all the power of the enemy, you have to realise that you are superior in power, because of Jesus. Your shield will protect you every time you are attacked, if you believe Gods word, over and above your situation. A shield is for protection to deflect the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan and his evil forces. Your shield is your knowledge of the truth of Gods word, so you see your shield is intertwined with the belt of truth.

Hebrews 11-1: What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something you want "IS" going to happen.

Hebrews 11-3: By faith, by believing God.

This scripture tells you what faith is, believing God. This scripture tells us what faith really is, it is the confident [not doubtful] assurance, that something we asked for 'IS' going to happen. Our shield is not protecting

us if we allow doubt to fill us. By faith, **by believing God**. You can see that faith believes God and what he promised in his word. We can not get away from it; all the armor is fully linked together and the sooner we realise that, then the more power filled we become, the more confident we become, the stronger the shield becomes also.

Faith by believing who? God! — Believing what he says in his Holy Word, the Bible. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. In other words you have to hear the word of God for faith to grow strong in you, and you need to read your Bibles to yourself, speaking out the word of God. Your spirit needs to be fed knowledge, for your belt of truth to be filled full of ammunition, to stand firm when your attacked by satanic forces and to strike back. Just reading your bible, not saying the words to your self, will not fill you full of faith, it is in • hearing the word, • you have to hear the word your spiritual ears must hear the spoken word of God. Faith comes by hearing Gods word spoken, not read.

I used to teach myself the word of God I would use a clear plastic tape cassette box. I stuck it onto the dashboard of my car, and I inserted little cards with scripture verses in it. Every day I would read those scriptures until I had become versed in them, because I knew that there would come a day when I would need those scriptures, those truths of God's word in my battle with Satanic forces. And those verses have saved me from going under many times. I believed them because they had become a part of me. I had them installed in my belt of truth and I knew that God does not lie, so I was confident in his word. And it worked every time I believed. Of course they were times when I did go under, and fell under Satan's attacks, but I knew that I could get up again, lick my wounds and go back into battle.

Ephesians 6-13: Resist the enemy when he attacks and when that is all over you will still be standing up.

Attacks will surely happen to you. Every day you are bombarded with some form of attack, even if it is to sin in some way. And you will not always win. You can loose a battle; but can still win the war; Just look at history. Britain lost many battles against Germany, but still won the war, so also did America, fight battles and lost some but won many wars. Fighting battles is natural to you, you do it without even thinking, when tempted to sin, subconsciously you resist and don't give in, and other times you do.

The shield of faith is a necessary part of your armor without it you can not deflect those fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan. Believe God not your circumstances, believe God in the face of every contradictory lie. God's word tells us = **As you believe, so shall it be Mark 11-24**. Every contradictory lie means, even though things look impossible, don't believe it, you can change things, as you believe, and hold unto that.

Belief, and praise God as if you have already received it then it will come into being, as long as you do not allow doubt to come out of your mouth. Your mind can be full of doubt, and most probably will, but doubt dies unborn if never spoken. If your believing God for something then never ever allow words of doubt to come out of your mouth, bite your tongue if necessary to keep your mouth shut. People will tell you, your mad! It will never happen! It's impossible! God is the God of the impossible, and he works for you through faith, through refusing to give up against all the odds.

Get strong in your faith, your believing God over every circumstance, remember we are not, as the old saying goes, under the circumstances, no we are under the Blood of Jesus, in the place of victory every time. Praising God for the victory before you see it is what brings that victory into being.

THE HELMET OF SALVATION.

This is the place where all the battles of faith are fought out; In the mind, the mind is the battleground, This is the place where you have to confront Satan, he is fighting for supremacy of your mind. It is in your mind that thoughts of sin develop. You don't hear a voice say to you out aloud Here I want you to steal that money, If you did you would probably run as fast as you could from that place. No it's the thoughts and feelings that are placed into your mind by Satan or some of his evil forces.

It is in the mind that thoughts of doubt and unbelief are placed, and for you to win your battles you have to **have your mind renewed by the word of God. Romans 12-2**;

How is your mind renewed? It is by reading the word of God, filling your mind with spiritual truths, and believing God. Do you see it? All the armor is truly linked together; not one piece is separated from the other.

That is what your helmet is made of, salvation. Salvation knows beyond a shadow of doubt that you are saved and are going to heaven.

Example: If you fell into a river and were drowning, and someone jumped in after you and pulled you out. Would you say afterwards that I drowned or were saved? Common sense tells you, you were saved from drowning, and someone saved your life. You have to look at what Jesus done for us. We were drowning in a sea of sin and he jumped in and saved us. I have heard so much controversy, about this being **saved**, and the terminology, people saying I'm saved or others saying I am being saved. I have had so many discussions about this from so many Catholics, who believe we are **being** saved. In other words were still waiting on Jesus to jump in and save us. This contradicts the very essence of what Jesus did for us. He died and went into hell for us. As Catholics we pray at Mass, and we say he died and went into hell and on the third day he rose again. If Jesus did not save us then he is still in Hell, waiting to defeat Satan. Yet God's word tells us that Jesus Defeated Satan.

2 Corinthians 5-15: He died for our sins.

Jesus died, for our sins. He didn't die for his own sins, but he died for ours"

Ephesians 1-9: So you can understand and know, what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of his power? In and for us who believe, as demonstrated by the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead, and seated him at his own right hand In the heavenly places, Far above all rule and authority. And power and dominion and every name that is named above every title that can be conferred.

God the Father **did** raise Jesus from the dead; he **did** seat him in the heavenly places. Jesus is not in hell waiting to defeat Satan to save us He already did all that for us. Its up to us to believe or not, the choice is always ours.

John 16-8: The Holy Spirit is in us to bring about a demonstration of Satan's defeat.

The very fact that you have God's Holy Spirit in you is all the proof that you need that Jesus defeated Satan and raised you up with him into the heavenly places with him. Not only did Jesus defeat Satan but he also defeated all of his power thrones, dominions, evil spirits and demons.

Ephesians 4-8: He led captivity captive, he led a train of vanquished foes.

Ephesians 2-6: He [God] raised us up together with him, and made us sit down together, with him, in the heavenly places, by virtue of our being in Christ Jesus.

If you are not yet saved how could you be raised up together with him. Supernaturally Jesus done a mighty work that only Jesus could do. He took our sins. He paid for every one we committed or ever will commit, and he gave us right standing with the Father. In my opinion if we do not believe that we are saved we do Jesus a terrible injustice, we in effect say, that he did not do enough for us on Calvary, that he needed to suffer even more, Jesus died once and for all.

**1 Peter 2-12: Be careful how you behave among your UN-
SAVED neighbours.**

There's a statement for you that should set you thinking, Peter was warning you and I to be careful how we behave among our unsaved neighbours. If we are not saved then why is he telling us to be careful how we are to act in front of our unsaved neighbours. He makes a distinction between save and unsaved, he talks to you as saved, saying unsaved neighbours. knowing that some people are not saved.

2 Timothy 1-9: It is he who saved us. And chose us for his holy work.

This scripture is as plain as the nose on your face that you were saved, when you accepted Jesus as Lord.

Hebrews 10-23: We can tell others that salvation is ours.

We should be telling others that were saved. It is an honour to be saved we acknowledge what Jesus done for us giving him the glory. It gives him glory when we tell others what he did for us all.

Romans-3-28: So it is, we are saved by faith in Christ not by the good things we do. Again we have another scripture that reinforces the fact that we are saved. Because of Jesus, nothing to do with our being good.

1 John-5-9: We believe men, who witness in our courts, so surely we can believe what God declares. And God declares that Jesus is his son. And all those who believe this know in their hearts that this is true. If anyone doesn't believe this, he is actually calling God a liar. Because he doesn't believe what God has said about his son, and what is it that God has said, that he HAS given US eternal life [SALVATION], whoever does not have God's son does not have eternal life [SALVATION].

Salvation is the 'fact' that we are going to heaven Because of what Jesus Christ did for us on Calvary. Your helmet; is the 'fact' that you are saved, that is the helmet of salvation and if you don't believe this, as that previous scripture says your calling God a liar, and you are free to do so! Each of us has a choice to make, to believe or not to believe that frankly is the question. Do you believe that you are saved, going to heaven?

Is your helmet on or off?

1-Corinthians 1-8: And he [Jesus] guarantee right up till the end, that you will be counted free from all sin and guilt, on that day that he returns. God will surely do this for you, for he always does what he says, and he was the one who invited you into this wonderful relationship with his Son, Christ Jesus our Lord.

I bet you never realised that God actually gives you a **guarantee** of salvation that he would not hold even one sin or guilt against you. Only a loving Father and Savior could do this for us. We all know what a guarantee is. If our cooker breaks down and you have a guarantee, then you simply call up the makers and, they come and fix it. Well we call on our maker also to fix it for us and he does.

GOD IS PURE LOVE, UNDILUTED, and he loves us as little babies. And little children are so loveable even when they get into mischief and do wrong. Have you noticed that God never addresses us as adults, he addresses us as little children that are what we are to him, and he is Father to us?

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

The sword of the Spirit, that mighty weapon at your disposal. Like so many other Christians I always believed that the sword of the Spirit was supposed to be in my hand. I presumed that it was used in the same way as in olden times, until I was reading the book of revelations.

As I read **Revelations 1-16: He held seven stars in his right hand and a sharp double bladed sword in his mouth.** I became aware of something, Jesus, did not appear holding a double edged sword in his hand as I always presumed is where it should be, but it was in his mouth. As I pondered this I asked the Lord to explain to me why Jesus had a sword in his mouth? I felt drawn to **Ephesians 6-17: The sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.**

As I read this it dawned on me the word of God was the sword, and where does words come from? The mouth. That's why Jesus had the sword in his mouth as that was where it belonged. There is an old Irish saying, when talking about someone who says cruel things, they have a tongue on them like a razors edge, In other words they have a very sharp tongue that they use to cut people to bits with. The sword of the spirit is the word of God and that sword is supposed to be drawn when Satan attacks and used against him, the imaginary one doesn't work. When Satan confronted Jesus in the desert he tried to use the word of God against him, and Jesus attacked back with the word also.

Matthew 4-3" Then Satan tempted him to get food by changing stones into bread. It will prove you are the Son of God, he said. But Jesus told him, No for the scriptures tells us that bread won't feed men's souls; obedience to every word of God is what we need.

Read this whole scripture passage from 1-12. And you will see that three times Satan used the word of God to tempt Jesus and three times Jesus

answered back with the word. Satan was so crafty that he used the sword of God against Jesus, which lets us know that Satan knows the word of God. And uses it many times against us, in crafty ways, If he would use the word against Jesus then he certainly will use it against us. That's why you have to learn to be a good sword fighter. Satan thrust the sword at Jesus and Jesus parried back with the sword, in other words Jesus blocked his move.

One lady I know expressed her fear of dying and meeting God. She was afraid he would send her to Hell for all her past sins. Satan was attacking her through the word of God that sin is wrong, [NOTE, he gets us to sin in the first place then condemns us for sinning,] **Romans 8-1: there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.** My friend had that fear of dying and judgment, because she did not know the word of God. She did not realise that she had already been judged, and passed the very day she accepted Jesus as Lord into her heart. As I explained the following scripture her fear immediately left her.

John 3-18: There is no eternal doom awaiting those who trust him to save them. But those who do not trust him have already been tried and condemned for not believing in the only Son of God. Their sentence is based on this fact, that the light from heaven came into this world but they loved the darkness more than the light [Jesus].

I explained that there was no eternal doom [Hell] for her because she trusted Jesus as lord, she just didn't know, that her judgment was **now** the moment she had to choose if Jesus would be her Lord or not. When she made her choice she was judged worthy of heaven, there and then. Those who don't trust him have already been judged and condemned. If she had refused to accept Jesus she would have immediately condemned her self to Hell. These words in this scripture are Jesus own words he spoke them, it's not my own thinking on them. This knowledge was put into her belt of truth, and her shield of faith went up because she believed the word of God.

Ignorance is not blessed contrary to that old saying. Ignorance shows a lack of knowledge, and knowledge of your bible the word of God is what you need as Jesus said, obedience to every word of God is what we need, Matthew 4-4. How can you obey what you don't know? If you do

not know the word of God then you have no sword to use. And there's no ammunition for you to load from your belt of truth. You have nothing to defend yourself with.

Jesus showed that the sword was in his mouth, he kept the sword there. Should we not do the same? The sword of the spirit was a double-edged sword that meant that it cut both ways. It was doubly sharp, not only is the sword to be used on Satan and his hoards, but we have to use that sword on ourselves, we have to use it to cut away all that is rotten in us. It's like performing surgery on us. The word of God tells us how to act as children of God and tells us how to get rid of all that is wrong in our lives, by using the sword to cut off from us all that is wrong. Things like hatred, resentment, anger, unforgiveness, bitterness, and sin. By using the sword [the word] we know how to act as true children of a loving father.

The sword is a mighty weapon, it is the only weapon you have. It is filled with supernatural power. Powers that can even raise the dead. And has done on many occasions, by others as well as Jesus. Men like Smiths Wiggelsworth, Kenneth Hagan to mention just a few.

These great men of God knew the word, and they used that word, every time they encountered Satan's work, and destroyed it with the sword [the word]. We too can become like them, by filling our ammunition belt of truth with all the spiritual truths from God's word. The sword is ours to use no one else can wield **your** sword for you but you its **your** sword, **your** truths, **your** shield **your** salvation, **your** shoes, **your** faith, and **your** breastplate of God's approval.

Learn what belongs to you and get your armor on and never take it off again.

PRAY ALL THE TIME.

Pray all the time, Ask God for anything in line with the holy spirits wishes, plead with him reminding him of your needs and keep praying for all Christians everywhere.

Pray all the time, not some of the time, not every now and then but all of the time, reminding God of your needs. That's a good piece of advice, **reminding God of your needs.** You see you don't keep asking God for

the same thing, over and over again, NO! You ask once! Then you keep reminding him until your answer comes through. To ask twice for something means you didn't believe the first time. Keep reminding God it says. We do these things with our family and friends we ask them for something then we say don't forget you promised to lend me that dress, or money or whatever. We keep reminding them until we get whatever we asked for. That is the way it is with God we ask, then we wait, and while waiting, we remind him, Lord you said to remind you about what I asked you for. Now I am praising you for my answers.

Most people are not aware that praying all the time is part of their armor. When you're in touch with God by prayer. He lets you know when trouble is around the corner. He lets you know when Satan is up to his tricks and strategies. He tips us off in advance, Just like radar, lets a modern day soldier know when enemy planes are approaching.

In line with the Holy Spirits wishes

What are the Holy Spirits wishes? The Holy Spirits wishes are everything in line with the bible. If scripture covers what you need then it's the Holy Spirits wish for you to have that.

I can only advise you to search your bible for spiritual truth, underline scriptures with coloured pen, and write it out into a note book for future reference. Study to fill your belt full of truth with spiritual ammunition, study to fill you mind with spiritual wisdom, Pray to keep within Gods guidance.

May your armor fit you like a glove, and may you become what God desire you to become a spiritual giant.

SOME TRUTHS you need to be aware of:

Your needs are supplied.

Philippians 4-19: It is he who will supply all your needs from his riches in glory, because of what Christ done for us.

You have a sound mind.

2-Timothy 1-7: you do not have a spirit of fear but of power and love and of a sound mind.

You and Jesus are very close.

1-Corinthians 6-17: You and Christ are joined together as one person.

You are filled with the Spirit.

2-Corinthians 6-6: You are filled with the Holy Spirit.

You have victory always.

Romans 8-37: Overwhelming victory is ours through Christ Jesus.

You have already been saved.

Titus 3-4: For when the time came for the kindness and love of God our savior to appear then he saved us, not because we were good enough to be saved but because of his kindness and pity.

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