

Ephesians 6:14-20

14”Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.”

In Spiritual Warfare Remember:

1. God has already defeated Satan and his agenda.
2. What we have “in Christ” is enough. He has given us everything we need for warfare with the enemy.
3. There is a responsibility on our part to put what God has provided!
4. Most spiritual warfare never needs to go beyond us daily walking by the Spirit and in the truth of who we are “in Christ”. Living by our identity in Him takes care of most of the victory needed in battle.

Two Foundations of The Armor of God

1. All of the Armor of God is actually Christ Himself!
2. All of the armor is directly connected to the gospel.

The Armor of God

1. The Belt of Truth

“**Truth**” - “refers to the subjective, practical application of openness and honesty in all things with God and people”.

“The devil can counterfeit all the saving operations and graces of the Spirit of God” - **Jonathan Edwards**

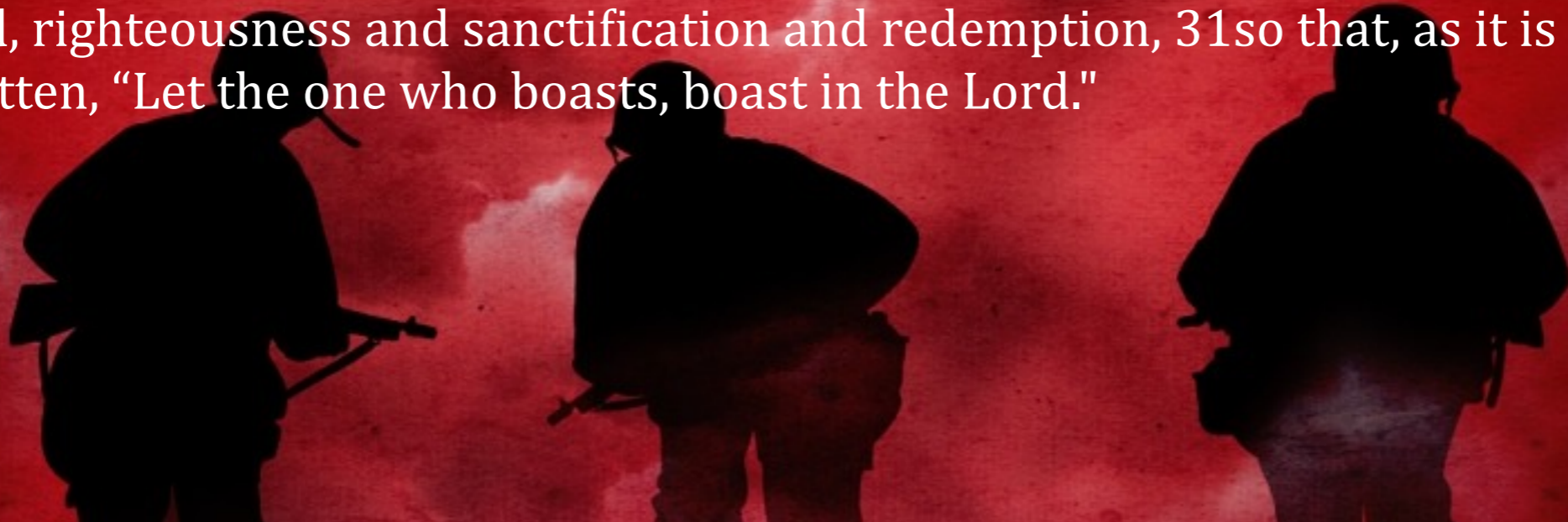
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2. The Breastplate of Righteousness

“**Righteousness**” - “the practical application of truth to our lives. Simply put it’s putting into practice what you know is right”

1 Corinthians 1:30-31

- "And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."



2 Corinthians 5:21

“He made Him who knew no sin to become sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”



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3. Shoes with the readiness of the gospel of peace

“readiness”-means “establishment”



Ephesians 2:14

“For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility,”



Shoes fit with the readiness of the gospel of peace

Satan attacks GRACE. So we must be ready by knowing the gospel and sharing it!



Think about it

Do you realize you are fulfilling Satan's plan for you when you do not share the gospel with others?



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4. The Shield of Faith

“Faith” means “absolute confidence”



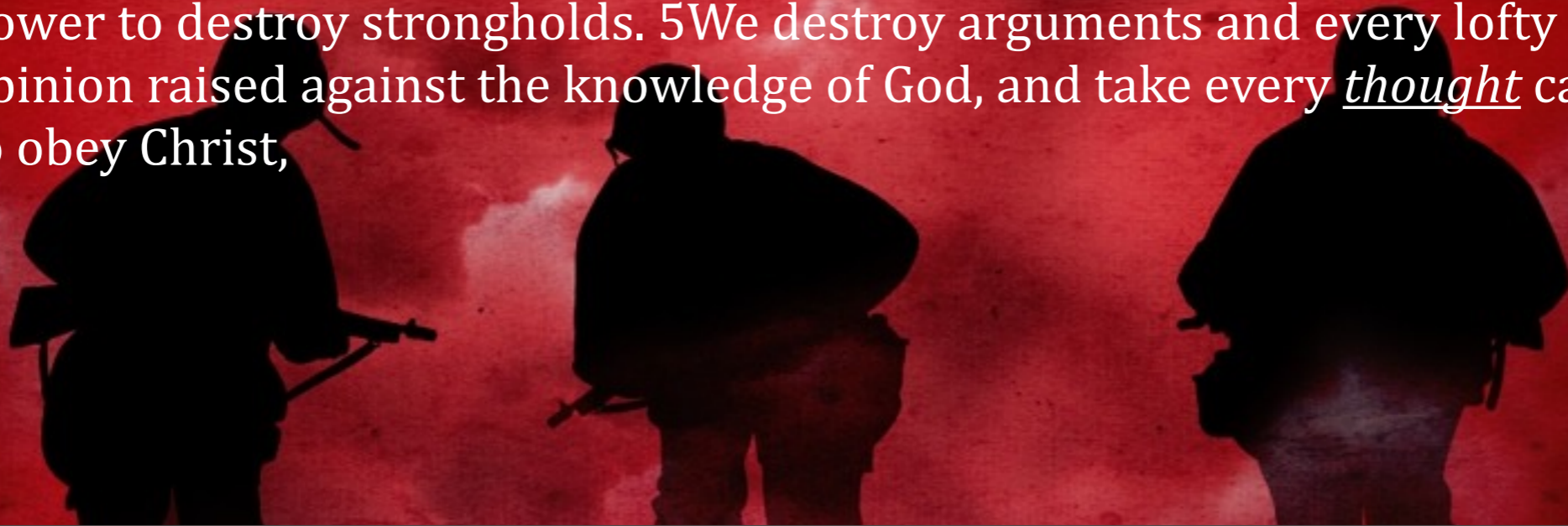
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5. The Helmet of Salvation



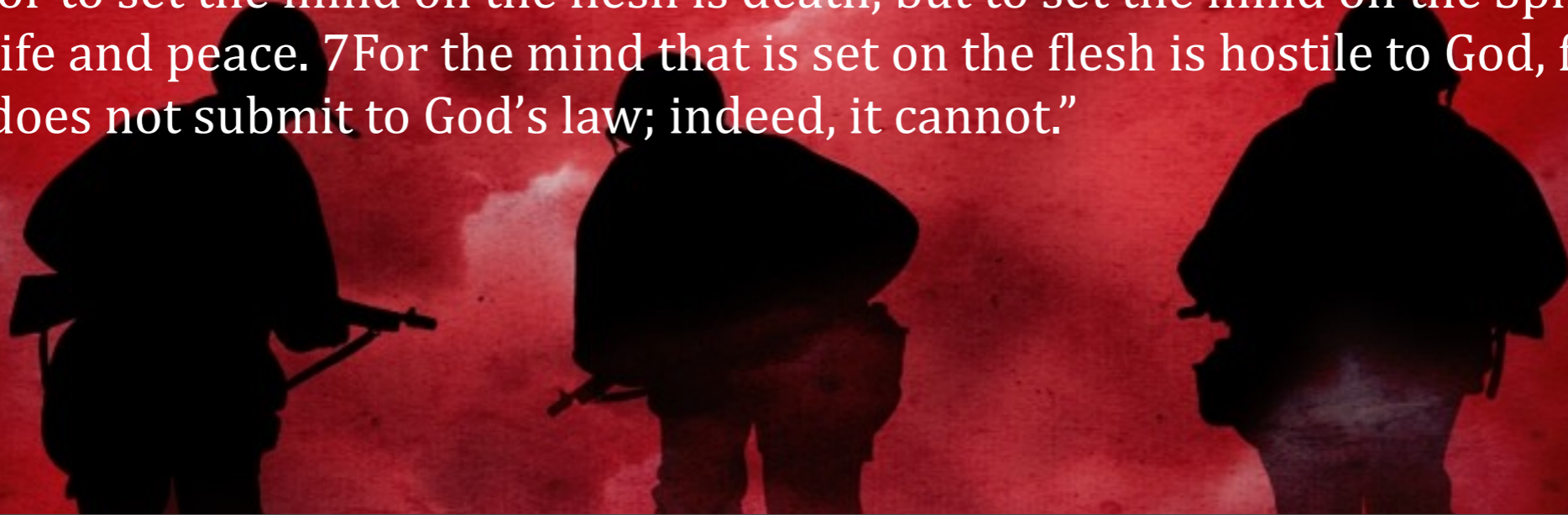
2 Corinthians 10:3-5

“For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. 4For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. 5We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,



Romans 8:6-7

“For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot.”



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6. The Sword of the Spirit



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Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

