

SUIT UP!

Is your armour ready?



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Before we dig in...

- The book of Ephesians
- Ephesians 6:10-18
- Armour metaphor-why?
- Who are we fighting?



The Belt of Truth

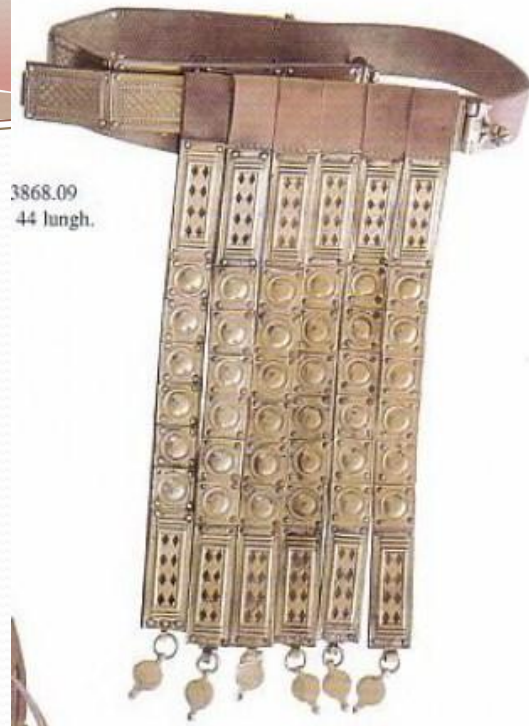
Military Belt

- Identity
- Secure Armour
- Carry Weapons and Rations
- Protect lower body
- Add on over time

Belt of Truth

- What is Truth?
- Moral integrity
- Knowledge of God
- Grows
- Root of our action

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Breastplate of Righteousness

Military Application

- Protect vital organs
- Deflect darts, debris
- Lightweight, portable
- Able to move and fight



Righteousness

- Covers/protects vital areas
- From where?
- Righteousness defeats Satan
- God's attribute, given to us
- Holy living, see more of Ephesians.

Footwear, the Gospel of Peace

- Military purpose

- Protect feet from debris
- Comfort for long marches
- Traction to stand

- Readiness, Gospel, Peace

- Be Prepared
- Not just equipped to move
- Stand firm, hold ground
- Prepared for trials



Shield of Faith

● Roman Scutum

- Large, solid, laminated
- Whole body protection
- Used solo or in unison
- Not solely defensive

● Faith

- Outer defense
- Link with others, shared
- Take action
- Confidence



Helmet of Salvation

● Roman Helment

- Protect head, neck, face
- Open to hear well
- Could indicate rank, unit

● Salvation

- Saving knowledge
- Thoughts -> actions
- Renew our minds



Sword of the Spirit

- Roman Gladius

- Short sword
- Sharp, dual blade
- Mostly used to thrust, stab



- Spirit

- The Spirit fights for us
- Word of God
- Based on Truth
- Must be maintained

Final thoughts

A plate of armor made of metal strips tied together with leather straps protected the upper body. Although this metal jacket was heavy, the metal strips allowed the soldier some free movement. Soldiers had to help each other put on and lace up their armor.



- We are putting on Jesus Christ
- We are at war, no mistake
- Pray and be alert, train
- On guard to defend