

ARMOUR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:11

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GOD, THAT YE MAY BE ABLE TO
STAND AGAINST THE WILES OF THE
DEVIL.”



WHICH ARMOUR AM I?

- ✗ An extremely important item of protection
- ✗ It shapes our actions
- ✗ It allows our salvation
- ✗ Its both defensive, offensive and used in conjunct with other soldiers
- ✗ It's the largest piece of armour



EPHESIANS 6:11-18

¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

¹⁵ And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

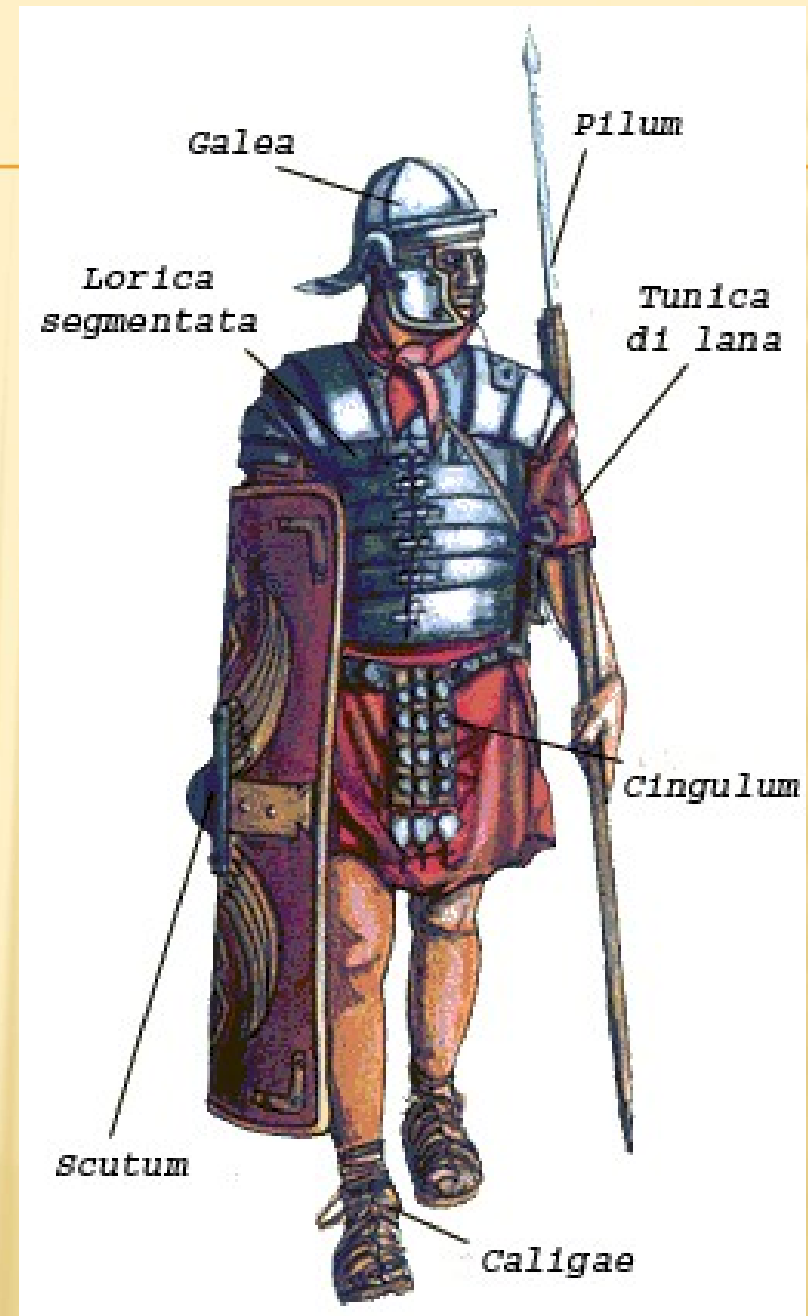
¹⁶ Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

¹⁸ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

SHIELD

- ✗ *Scutum*
- ✗ Slightly curved rectangular shape with metal knob ('boss') in the centre
- ✗ Made of wood and covered in hide
- ✗ Able to cover the entire warrior (up to 3.5 feet tall and 3 feet wide)
- ✗ Uses
 - + Defence: deflect arrows, extinguish arrows protect from impact
 - + Offence: to push opponents
 - + Able to form an enclosure ('*testudo*') around a group of soldiers



FAITH

- ✘ pis'-tis: faith, faithfulness
- ✘ Definition: complete trust or confidence in someone or something
- ✘ Hebrews 11:1
Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- ✘ Romans 8:24-25
For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.
- ✘ Ephesians 2:8
For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God...

SHIELD OF FAITH

- ✘ A protective barrier that stands between us and the devils schemes
- ✘ Our first line of defence to defect the devils blows
 - + A spiritual protection
- ✘ Gives us the ability to fight back with the works/actions that follow out of our faith
- ✘ If we join together we become an unstoppable force



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WHAT CAN WE DO?

- ✘ Have faith in God! And hope in the salvation of Jesus Christ
- ✘ Do not let your guard down, stay strong in your faith at all times
- ✘ Use your faith to give you the upper hand against Satan by producing good works and doing will of God
- ✘ Work together as a church as Christians; as soldiers in Gods army fighting to win Gods battle

BE READY!



Belt of truth firmly around your waist

Your feet fitted with the Gospel

Gods word and spirit at your ready

Helmet of salvation protecting your thoughts and mind

Shield of faith ready to deflect and push forward against
the enemy



KEEP WEARING YOU ARMOUR!



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