

Temptation
Our Enticements & Christ's Sinlessness
(Luke 4:1-2)

I. The doctrine of the incarnation of Jesus Christ

- A. God in the 2nd person of the triune Godhead willingly (Phil 2) laid heaven aside
- B. Emptied Himself of all the privileges of heaven and came to be found in the appearance of man
- C. He lived here on earth among us
 - 1. After sin invaded the planet
 - 2. Sin infested world - Jesus came in weakness as a bondservant - fragile human being
- D. This was done to fix the problem caused by sin
- E. Jesus not only came to die - He came to live to rectify the problem that started with Adam
 - 1. Jesus came as the second Adam - the last Adam
 - 2. He came to reverse the problem caused by sin

II. Jesus goes to the wilderness the place where sin began - face to face with the tempter (Satan)

- A. Christ was winning our redemption
 - 1. making the difference as to whether we paid for our own sin - being cast into the darkness or declared right before God
 - 2. The Temptation Luke 4:1-13
 - 3. Jesus was giving His disciples three examples of how He was tempted - He was tempted in every temptation
 - 4. Jesus was in our domain - being tempted in all ways
 - 5. Luke 4:5, 6 - the statement of Satan being able to give Jesus the kingdoms is very true
 - a) It has been delivered to him - this world
 - b) This world is Satan's domain
- B. Having the right perspective of this life
 - 1. Plan on a lifetime of temptations
 - a) It is a reality of our lives
 - (1) John 12:31 - Satan is the ruler of this world
 - (2) II Cor 4:4 - He is the god of this world (of this domain)

- (3) I John 5:19 - the whole world lies in the power of the evil one
- b) We are not in friendly territory - we are in hostile territory
- c) We need to understand the hostility toward a Christian life
- d) Satan has a long leash to do what he wants to do for a time
 - (1) He is trying to create more rebels
 - (2) He puts his sites on Christian's to get them to cast off the Fatherhood of God - he wants you to violate the Lordship of Christ in your life
 - (3) I Pet 5 - Satan prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour
 - (a) He is not after your life - you are not good to him dead
 - (b) He wants you to defame the One you say you live for
 - (c) He wants to bring dishonor to God by getting you to compromise
 - (d) He wants you to be a walking contradiction to the things you say that you believe in
 - (4) Satan went after the disciples
 - (a) Judas - was thought to be trustworthy - Satan entered him - he had given into enough temptation that Satan was able to use him
 - i) Satan knows your price
 - ii) He will put something in front of you to entice you so you will dishonor the God that you say you serve
 - (b) Peter - was the "good" guy
 - i) Jesus tells Peter to get behind me Satan
 - (1) He is aligning his priorities with the priorities of men and not with the priorities of God and the Kingdom
 - (2) Gets your values and priorities all mixed up
 - (3) Subtlety of temptation
 - ii) Peter denies Christ
 - iii) He gets so frustrated, he leaves it all behind and gives up
 - (1) Satan asked to sift Peter like wheat
 - (2) Jesus says that He will pray for him
- e) We don't even recognize many of the temptations
- f) You aren't important to Him, the One you serve is who he is trying to dishonor
 - (1) Satan attacks (tempts) in the areas of
 - (a) Our appetites

- (b) Our ambitions
- (c) Our assumptions
- (2) I John 2:15-17
 - (a) do not love the world
 - (b) We are living in a non-Christian world - we begin loving this world
 - (c) Desires of the flesh - impulses of your feelings
 - i) The world's mentality is that God is trying to keep things from you
 - (d) Desire of the eyes
 - i) Materialism, vanity
 - (e) Pride of life - look at me world
 - (f) All these things are not from the Father
 - (g) Whoever does the will of God abides forever
 - i) The will of God is moving in the opposite direction than the world
 - ii) We are to be marching in a different direction, with a different goal, with a different set of directions
 - iii) The whole world has pinned up signs saying one way (the opposite way than where you are going)
- g) Be careful - God has called us to drive against the flow of traffic - this will not earn you favor with the people of this world
- h) The Lord's prayer - lead us not into temptation
 - (1) This is no mistake (led by the Spirit into the temptation)
 - (2) Mark - the Spirit of God threw Him out into the wilderness
 - (3) This temptation is something that God was making Jesus do
 - (4) Jesus was willingly ready to face this
 - (a) He fasts for 40 days
 - i) In chapter three of Luke - Jesus is the son of Adam
 - (1) Problem of Adam
 - (a) Tempted in the garden
 - (b) He was well fed - surrounded by trees
 - (c) He had a prohibition
 - (d) Satan tempted him there
 - (e) Adam gave in
 - ii) Jesus now goes into a desert (not a garden)
 - iii) He fasts - He starves Himself for 40 days

- iv) He went into the temptation to do what Adam didn't
- 2. We need to see our ultimate victory in Christ
 - a) We have a problem - we give into temptation
 - b) Jesus came to fix this -
 - (1) Why - He loved us
 - (2) He wanted to redeem us from the wrath that is to come
 - c) He faced the tempter and conquered him
 - (1) Adam got beat up by temptation (like we get beaten up by temptation)
 - (2) Jesus came to confront the bully (Satan)
 - (3) Jesus is going to win our victory
 - (a) We are saved by the death of Christ
 - i) all the sin that I committed needs to be paid for by a just God
 - ii) Human sin needs to be paid by a human penalty
 - iii) God humanly punishes Jesus Christ
 - (b) Jesus' life also saves us
 - i) I have a problem of my life being less than it should be (weaker, more sinful, inadequate, lacking, falling short of the glory of God)
 - ii) I need human righteousness to be applied to me
 - iii) When I failed in my life - when I sin - it needs to be paid by human righteousness
 - iv) Jesus needed to fulfill all righteousness (Matt 3:15)
 - v) Jesus needed to face every temptation that you did and make the right decisions
 - vi) His righteousness is transferred to us so we could receive that righteous gift so God will accept us
 - d) Our salvation was earned for us through a human being (Jesus Christ) as He walked through the temptation
 - (1) Some may say - this wasn't a real temptation because Jesus is God and God can't be tempted by evil
 - (2) Theological study
 - (a) Doctrine of impeccability of Christ
 - i) Christ was unable to sin
 - (b) Doctrine of the peccability of Christ
 - i) Christ could have sinned
 - ii) Christ was able not to sin

- (c) Theologians agree that Christ didn't sin - they debate over whether He could have sinned
 - i) Satan goes into the desert hopeful and forceful hoping that this holy One of Israel will become unholy through the temptation
 - ii) Jesus came to reverse the problem of Adam
 - (1) We are born in sin - we are not able not to sin
 - (2) Christ came able to not sin - Adam was the only other one that came able to not sin
 - (3) Christ came as the 2nd Adam - able not to sin like Adam was able not to sin
 - (a) Adam chose to sin
 - (b) Jesus came able not to sin and chose not to sin
 - (4) Hebrews 2 and 4 - become more meaningful
 - iii) Satan was hoping to derail our salvation by making Christ sin
- e) Jesus knows how we feel - He has been through what we go through
 - (1) In Jesus' divinity - He is unable to be tempted by sin
 - (2) In His humanity - we need to rethink what He went through in a human body
- f) Zechariah 3:1-7
 - (1) We need a human righteousness applied to us
 - (2) We need the innocence applied to us as well
 - (3) Angel of the Lord (Jesus) and Satan looking at Joshua the high priest
 - (a) Jesus says that Joshua is a sinner - He knows that
 - (b) He may be more righteous than the next guy but his robes were still filthy
 - (c) Jesus took his sins (his filthy garments) and put that on the cross - but something still needs to be put on him - garment of righteousness
 - (d) Clothed in Christ
 - (e) Paul said "in Christ" 119 times - transferred into Christ - we have been made proper - saying no to temptations through Christ's righteous
 - (4) God is too holy for us to earn our own way
- g) Christ died the death we should have died and lived the life we should have lived and it is all creditable to you

- (1) Since we have been made pure and have His life on our credit it doesn't give us the right to live however we want to live
 - (2) We have the mandate to live like He lived
 - (a) He met temptation
 - i) Full of the Spirit
 - ii) His brain full of the Scripture
 - iii) He attacked His appetites, His ambitions, and His assumptions to think Biblically and respond in a strong manner every time
 - (b) A lot rides on winning these battles
3. Prepare to fight for daily victories
- a) If the ultimate victory has already been won - then why do I care about daily victories?
 - (1) God tells us to
 - (2) To align ourselves with Christ is then to live the live Christ calls us to live with the tools that God gave us so we can become more like Him
 - b) We need to fight
 - (1) Temptations are waging war with our soul
 - (2) We are being attacked every day
 - (3) There is a constant conflict between our spirit and our flesh
 - (4) We are to fight (Heb 12)
 - c) 4 reasons that these battles need to be won
 - (1) I Cor 3:11-15 - When we loose battles with temptation - we loose rewards
 - (a) If we don't do the right things - we don't follow God - we won't store up treasure in heaven - we will suffer loss
 - (b) We want to avoid suffering
 - (c) Rewards are a big deal to God and should be to us
 - (d) We want to fight the good fight
 - (e) We are practical about this life and impractical about the next - we live capitalistically down here and hope that heaven is communistic
 - (f) Store up treasure in heaven
 - (g) You will be rewarded according to your deeds
 - (2) We don't want to loose our usefulness
 - (a) Every time we say no to sin and yes to righteousness we make ourselves more useful to God

- (b) II Tim 2:20-21
 - i) Vessels for honorable use
 - ii) Vessels for dishonorable use
 - iii) God will be looking to use those who are cleansing themselves and can be used of Him
 - iv) Want to hear - well done good and faithful servant
 - v) We want to have been used often by Him
- (3) We loose our testimony - Rom 2:21-24
 - (a) We say we are against things but yet we profit from or get pleasure from
 - (b) We blaspheme the name of God
 - (c) People will always remember the bad thing that we do - it blasphemes the name of God
 - i) Our marriages are no better than the marriages outside the church
 - ii) When our teenagers are sleeping around like the teenagers in public school
 - iii) When our divorce rates are like they are out there
 - (d) We have no testimony
 - (e) We are not holding up God's standards
- (4) We loose our assurance
 - (a) He 6:11-12
 - i) Show earnestness - doing what is right - so that we can have full assurance of our hope until the end
 - ii) Don't be sluggish
 - iii) Be imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises
 - (b) When we sit around as Christians claiming that we've got a relationship with God and that our sins are forgiven and we have the Holy Spirit in our lives - when we give into temptation and we don't have the battle being won as it ought to be - when we are not advancing - when you wonder are you really a Christian
 - i) You will know them by their fruits
 - ii) When you are losing the battle to temptation then you should be wondering about your salvation

- iii) If the Holy Spirit lives in you than He wants to make you more like Him
- (c) God is so ready to step up and help us
 - i) He was in the battle more than we ever where
 - ii) He is ready and will sympathetically step in and help us win this battle
 - iii) He wants us to receive the grace and the help that we need in our time of need

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You are placed above the power of the enemy - no longer slaves to sin

God sent the Holy Spirit to indwell the church - the bride of Christ - the mystery - Jew and Gentile together in one body - seated in the heavenlies - far above the power of the enemy

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Can you see why we will be falling on our faces before Him, bringing Him praise, and glory, and honor forever?

Are You Prepared for Battle?

Ephesus Acts 19 & I Cor 10:19-21	Battle Preparation (Ephesians 6:10-20)	In Him (Jesus)	Walking
<p>Magic was being practiced (19) Jewish exorcists (13) People were coming to the Lord because of what they saw</p> <p>Tradesmen made their money on the worship of Artemis (24) They are demon worshipping (I Cor)</p> <p>They were the guardians of Artemis and the temple and her worship (35)</p> <p>4th largest city in Roman empire - wealthy</p> <p>People would come from all over</p> <p>Library - was well known but had no Greek translation of Scripture</p>	<p>Be strong in the Lord (10) Put on the full armor (11) Stand firm against the schemes of the devil (11)</p> <p>Full Armor</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Girded loins with truth 2. Breastplate of righteousness 3. Feet shod with preparation of the gospel of peace 4. Shield of faith 5. Helmet of salvation 6. Sword of the Spirit (word of God) <p>Prayer and petition at all times Be alert (18)</p> <p>We have forgiveness in Him (4:32) Light in Him (5:8) strength in Him (6:10)</p>	<p>Faith in Him (1:1) Blessed with every spiritual blessing (1:3) We were chosen in Christ (1:4) Grace bestowed on us in Him (1:6) We have redemption (1:7) Know His will (1:9) Summing up of all things (1:10) Obtained an inheritance (1:10-11) Hope in Christ (1:12) We heard message in Him (1:13) - cf John 1 Sealed with the Holy Spirit in Him (1:13) Power of salvation is in Him (1:20) Made alive, raised up, and seated with Him in Christ (2:5-6) See the surpassing riches of grace in Him (2:7) Created in Him (2:10) Brought near (2:13) Brought into one body (2:14-15) The body is fitted and growing together in Him (2:21) We have a promise in the gospel (3:6) We have boldness and access to God (3:12) Glory in Him (3:21) We grow up in Him (4:15) Taught in Him (4:21) Truth is in Him (4:21)</p>	<p>Used to walk according to the course of the world (2:1-2) - we were dead in our sins</p> <p>We are to walk in the deeds that God has prepared for us (2:10)</p> <p>Walk in a manner worthy of your calling (4:1)</p> <p>Don't walk as the Gentiles walk - in ignorance and in hardness of heart (4:17-19)</p> <p>Walk in love (5:2)</p> <p>Walk as children of light (5:8) - please the Lord</p> <p>Walk as the wise - making the most of our time (5:15)</p>

Did God Create the Devil?

God	Satan	Satan's Fall	Warnings
<p>Eph 1:15-23 Know what is the hope of His calling What are the riches of His inheritance The surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe</p> <p>John 1:3 - every being that exists came from God Neh 9:5-6 - created all the heavenly host Col 1:15-17 - all things including dominions, authorities were created by Him</p> <p>Rev 1:20 Stars = angels</p> <p>Job 38:4-7 - the stars (the angels) were singing at creation</p>	<p>Gen 3 (Rev 12:9) Serpent was more crafty than any other (1) He gets woman to question God (1) Calls God a liar (4) You can be like God (PRIDE) (5) Hatred between mankind (Jesus) and Satan (15)</p> <p>Rev 12:3-9 1/3 of the stars (angels) get thrown down out of heaven with Satan -thrown down to earth</p>	<p>Ez 28:11-19 He was perfect in beauty and was an anointed cherub (11-15) Blameless Proud because of his beauty (16) Corrupted his wisdom (pride blinded him) He will be destroyed forever (19)</p> <p>Isaiah 14:3-15 I will ascend to heaven I will raise my throne above the stars of God I will sit on the mount of assembly I will ascend above the heights of the clouds <u>I will make myself like God</u></p>	<p>Is 14:12-14 Pride - he wanted to be God</p> <p>Gen 3 Brings doubt to God's word</p> <p>I Chron 21:1 Satan moved David to number Israel</p> <p>I Pet 5:5 Clothe yourself in humility</p>

Satan's Attack

The Schemes of the Devil	How to Protect Ourselves
<p>John 8:44 - Murderer and the Father of lies (Acts 5:3) I Peter 5:8 - prowling around like a roaring lion Seeking someone to devour Job 1-2 Satan is roaming on the earth and walking around He sees what God is doing God controls what Satan can do</p>	<p>Quote and memorize Scripture I Peter 5:6-11 Humble ourselves Cast anxiety on Him Be on the alert Resist the devil being firm in our faith Know where our security lies (10) Job 1-2 God has given us all we have - He has the right to do whatever He wants to it We need to praise God no matter what the circumstance God has a hedge around His people</p>

Satan's Pull on the World

Progression of Sin	Presentation of Sin	Protection From Satan
<p>Good world Man is made in God's image (Gen 1:27) Perfect fellowship with God God's command - don't eat (Gen 2:16-17) Satan causes doubt on God's word (Gen 3:1) Call God a liar - God's Word can't be trusted (Gen 3:4) Questions God's goodness, love, care (Gen 3:5) You can be like God Choice was made to listen to a lie rather than the truth Sin entered the world Rom 1:18-32 Reject truth and believed the lie They worshiped the creature rather than the Creator God gave them over to the depravity of their mind Rom 5:12 - sin was passed on to all men through Adam Gen 5:3 - sin is passed to the children I John 5:19 - the whole world lies in the power of the evil one (I John 4:4) Satan has his grip on the world Death comes through sin - spiritual death and physical death (He 2:14, Romans 6:23)</p>	<p>Rom 3:10-18 - there are none that are good and seek after God II Cor 4:4 - their eyes are blinded to truth Matthew 13:3-8, 18-23 Some hear the word and the evil snatches it away Some hear, they spring up, they quickly die - they have no root Some hear the word, accept it, but the cares of the world and riches choke it out Some hear the word, accept it, and grow II Timothy 3:1-9 Men will be lovers of self Hold to a form of godliness Men oppose the truth - they have depraved mind II Tim 4:1-5 Time will come Men will not endure sound doctrine They want their ears tickled - in accordance to their desires Turn away from truth - to turn to myths or lies Matt 16:23 - Peter was looking to man's interests and not God's</p>	<p>Seek after God - Look to God's interests Matt 6:25-34 Gal 5:25 I John 1:6-7 Hear what God says, accept it, and grow Rom 5:6-10 Eph 2:1-13 Rom 8:12-13 Put aside the old self II Cor 5:16-21 Eph 4:20-24 Col 3:9-10 Ro 6:6 Gal 5:16-18 Put on humility I Peter 5:5 Opposite of pride Antidote for pride FEAR GOD Rom 11:20 Jer 44:10 Prov 8:13 Prov 15:33 Prov 22:4 Is 66:2 Stand in truth - truth will set you free John 8:31-47 Stand firm in the battle Eph 6:10-18</p>

Things to Remember When Satan Accuses You

Under Satan Under God - Eph 2	Grace Eph 1-3	Mercy	Peace	No More Fear
<p>Under Satan Dead in our sin (1) Walking in disobedience (2) Lived in the flesh (3) Children of wrath (3)</p> <p>Under God saved by grace (4-5) Seated us in heavenly places (6) Riches of His grace (7) Walking in His good works for us (10)</p>	<p>God's Riches at Christ's Expense</p> <p>God freely bestows on us (1:6) God lavishes grace on us (1:7) Grace saved us through faith (2:8) He shows us His kindness (2:7) We are stewards of this grace (3:2) Use our grace as God has given us opportunity</p>	<p>Outward manifestation of pity</p> <p>Titus 3:5 (cf Ep 5:26; Rom 12:1-2) We are saved by God's mercy - by washing and renewing by the H.S. Washing of the Word Renewing of the mind Heb 4:12</p> <p>I Peter 1:3 - God has caused us through His mercy to be born again (John 3)</p> <p>II Cor 4:1 - God's mercy that allows us not to lose heart</p> <p>Matt 5:7 - blessed are the merciful for they will receive mercy (James 2:13)</p> <p>I Tim 1:12-18 - as the foremost of sinners - mercy is still shown to us by God</p>	<p>What robs us of peace?</p> <p>Worry Sickness Disobedience/guilt Devil Relationships</p> <p>Phil 4:4-9 Rejoice Always Be anxious for nothing - lay everything at God's feet God's peace will guard our hearts and minds We need to train our minds to think right (4:8)</p> <p>He 3:18-19 - disobedience and unbelief need to be dealt with in our lives</p> <p>He 10:10, 14-22 - our sin has been dealt with - let us draw near with a sincere heart</p> <p>I John 1:9 Is 43:25 Is 38:17 Micah 7:19</p>	<p>We need to remember who we are IN CHRIST and where we are seated</p> <p>We are seated in the heavenlies</p> <p>God is over all power, authority, dominion, strength</p> <p>He 13:5-6 - what can man do to me? The Lord is my Helper</p> <p>Is 49:14-16 - we have been inscribed on the hands of Jesus - He will never forget us, He will never leave us</p>

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<p>Lev 25:47-55 Someone has become poor They sold themselves into slavery A blood relative can redeem (purchase) them from slavery</p> <p>Dt 25:5-10 That when one brother dies childless, that another brother is to take the wife for himself and bear a child to carry on the name of the deceased</p> <p>Ruth 4:1-14 Boaz became the kinsman redeemer for Naomi and Ruth He bought them so they would be secure</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has to be a blood relative 2. The Kinsman Redeemer had to have the ability to pay the price of redemption 3. Had to have the desire to redeem his kinsman 4. The willingness to pay no matter what the cost to himself 5. 	

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<p>Lev 25:47-55 Someone has become poor They sold themselves into slavery A blood relative can redeem (purchase) them from slavery</p> <p>Dt 25:5-10 That when one brother dies childless, that another brother is to take the wife for himself and bear a child to carry on the name of the deceased</p> <p>Ruth 4:1-14 Boaz became the kinsman redeemer for Naomi and Ruth He bought them so they would be secure</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has to be a blood relative 2. The Kinsman Redeemer had to have the ability to pay the price of redemption 3. Had to have the desire to redeem his kinsman 4. The willingness to pay no matter what the cost to himself 5. To execute the murderer of his relative Gen 9:5-6 (Ex 21:12-14; Dt 19:10-13; Num 35:15-33) - murder pollutes the land John 8:44 - Satan is a murderer - he brought death to man - Jesus (as Kinsman Redeemer) will bring God's judgment on him - We are not to take our own vengeance that is for God to do (other column) 6. Redeem the land and remove all the squatters - When Adam & Eve sinned, Satan gained dominion over mankind and rulership over the earth (that was Adam's job under God - Satan in the god & ruler of this world (Jn 14:30; 12:31; II Cor 11:3-4) - This is a temporary position - Our Kinsman Redeemer will remove this squatter - Satan's head (authority) will be crushed and his power taken - Jesus did that on the cross 	<p>How are we to respond when we are hurt? Ro 12:17-21</p> <p>Why don't we respond this way? Pride, anger</p> <p>So does that mean that for right now, we are not to punish people and that the wicked are just to roam free? I Tim 1:9-11; Jude 15</p> <p>Remember - Satan had the power of death but Jesus became flesh to die for us - He took away Satan's power (He 2:14) Our Kinsman Redeemer recovered what we had lost - forgiveness - a removal of sin so we can have eternal life (He 10:8-12) We can now pass from death to life (Ro 6:22-23)</p> <p>Col 2:13-15 - God cancelled out the certificate of death - Our debt has been paid in full which means Satan has no more power over us and He will remove the squatter</p> <p>Satan and his demons recognize the power of Jesus Christ and tremble Do we doubt God's word and then tremble at the demons?</p> <p>Jesus will buy back the the people/land (Jer 32:6-15, 44; Rev 5:1-14; 6:1) Read 173-180 - with info about tempt</p>

Put on the Belt of Truth

Present Condition	Satan's Objectives	Our Armor
<p>Satan has been given control of this world</p> <p>Rom 12:2 - not be conformed to the world - transformed by renewing our minds</p> <p>Our flesh is the battleground (mind) - walked to indulge the desires of the flesh (Eph 2:1-3)</p> <p>Gal 5:16 - walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desires of the flesh</p> <p>We are seated in the heavenlies - but we still walk on the earth</p> <p>Eph 4-6 - walk - not like unbelievers - but by the Spirit (4:17-24) Walk in love (5:2) Walk as children of light (5:8) Walk as wise men (5:15)</p> <p>Eph 6:12 - we are in a battle - not with flesh and blood but with "powers" of this world</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Destroy our unity with God, body of Christ, family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - destroy hope and power - People feel cut off from God - People depend on their feelings instead of the counsel of God's Word - James 4:5-7 - Submitting to God, resist the devil, he will flee 2. Entice you to sin so he can get a foothold in your life 3. Lead you into false teaching <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - keep you from the light of truth - Lure you into greater darkness - after the minds of our children 	<p>Put on the full armor of God - stand firm! Be strong in the Lord We walk into a war every single day - the ultimate war has already been won</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Selected (Eph 1:4) 2. Saved us (Eph 1:7) 3. Sealed us (Eph 1:13) 4. Seated us (Eph 2:6) STAND FIRM! 5. Secured us (Eph 2:19) 6. Strengthened us (Eph 3:16) <p>Gird our loins with truth - 3 pictures of belts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Belt held the sword 2. Taking up his tunic and fastening it in place - not to be encumbered in the battle 3. Anchors the breastplate in place <p>Truth Wraps up things that get in our way Keeps righteousness in its proper place Is the weapon that will take us through the battle John 14:6; John 17:14-17; 8:32; John 1 God's Word is truth, Jesus is Truth, truth will set us free</p> <p>Satan will try to get us to doubt truth (God's Word) I Pet 1:13; I Peter 5:8-9 - girding your mind II Peter 1:19-21 II Tim 3:16-17 Matt 5:17-18 Luke 24:25-27 Matt 12:40; 19:4-6 God and Jesus - hold to the truth of Scripture II Cor 11:2-15 - Satan disguises himself - false teachers I Tim 4:1-3; 6-8 - discipline ourselves to hear truth Eph 4:14-15 - grow up - mature - we won't be carried away by false teaching</p>

Breast Plate of Righteousness	Shoes of Peace
<p>What is righteousness - right standing, right before God/ Christ</p> <p>The world's view - everything is relative - right in your own eyes</p> <p>Ro 1:22-27 - Exchanged truth for a lie (25)</p> <p>Worshipped creature rather than the Creator (25)</p> <p>God gave them over to the lusts of the flesh to impurity (24)</p> <p>I Cor 6:9-11 - those who will not inherit the kingdom of heaven - we need to be washed, sanctified, justified</p> <p>Eph 5:1-13 - we cannot be partakers in sin</p> <p>I Cor 5:1-5 - we need to deal with sin in the church</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Matt 18:15-17-how to deal with a person in sin</p> <p>II Cor 5:21 - we receive righteousness because of what Jesus did</p> <p>Ro 8:1-2, 31-39 - We are not condemned - we are set free from sin and death - nothing can separate us from God</p> <p>Can we live anyway we want?</p> <p>Eph 4:17-19; 22-24</p> <p>Rom 6:6</p> <p>Col 3:9-11</p> <p>II Cor 5:16-17</p> <p>The old man with all his evil practices is to be crucified with Christ</p> <p>The old man is gone - the new man has come</p> <p>We need to be righteous before - day by day - we need to seek Christ's strength</p>	<p>God is our peace</p> <p>Eph 2:14-17 - brings us into unity with each other</p> <p>Eph 4:3 - be diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace</p> <p>Eph 6:23</p> <p>Phil 4:4-9</p> <p>Rejoice in the Lord always</p> <p>Be meek - gentle</p> <p>Be anxious for nothing - anxiety is the opposite of trust</p> <p>Satan wants to take our peace</p> <p>Satan is liar and murderer</p> <p>Jesus - Prince of Peace</p> <p>Satan's spikes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anger 2. Unforgiveness 3. Bitterness 4. Depression <p>If any of these are in our lives - we give Satan an opportunity to destroy us</p> <p>James 1:19-27 - slow to anger - quick to hear</p> <p>We need to be humble - realizes our insignificance</p> <p>Doers of the word</p> <p>Bridle our tongue (James 3)</p> <p>Eph 4:26 - don't let sun go down on our wrath</p> <p>Col 3:12-15 - put on a heart of compassion, forgive each other (just as the Lord forgave you), put on love, let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts</p> <p>Ro 12:18 - if possible, so far as it depends on you be at peace with all men</p> <p>He 12:1-17</p> <p>Submit to God</p> <p>Meekness cure for bitterness</p> <p>Ability to accept everything without murmuring or complaining</p> <p>Everything that is permitted by God will serve some eternal purpose</p>

Lesson 10

Put On . . .	Take Up . . .	Jehoshaphat	Protecting the Mind
<p>. . . Belt of truth (God's word)</p> <p>. . . Breastplate of righteousness (doing right in God's eyes)</p> <p>. . . Shoes of peace (Gospel of peace - comes from God) - guilt, shame, anxious, bitterness, unforgiveness, anger</p> <p>Take up . . . Shield of faith - soak our shield in water before battle (word of God) - extinguish the arrows of Satan</p> <p>Heb 11:6 - without faith it is impossible to please God</p> <p>Satan tries to cause us to not believe what God's word says or to disobey what God's word says</p>	<p>. . . The helmet of salvation It is an assurance of our salvation Confidence that salvation brings Remember that we are in His family forever! We need to know and embrace our position in Christ (1st 3 chapters of Eph) We need to understand our enemy can't crush us, touch us, or do anything to you without the permission of your Heavenly Father Three tenses of salvation - justification (past) - have been saved from sin's penalty - Sanctification (present tense) - being saved daily from sin's power - Glorification (future) - saved from sin's presence You are on the winning team</p> <p>Absent from the body present with the Lord (II Cor 5:6-8) God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love, and sound mind (II Tim 1:7)</p> <p>He will never leave you or forsake you (He 13:5-6)</p>	<p>II Chron 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - enemy attacks from outside (1) - Enemy attacks from inside - fear (3) - gathered others around him (4) - Acknowledges God's power (6) - Remember what God has done (7-9) - God is in control - we don't know what to do (10-12) - The king had to humble himself to hear the words of someone else (14) - Don't fear - the battle is God's (15) - Don't think you need to fight (17) - Position himself and watch what the Lord can do (17) - Worship and praise (18-19) - Put their trust in the Lord (20) - Give thanks to the Lord for His lovingkindness is everlasting (21) 	<p>Pr 4:23 Pr 23:7 Matt 15:18-19 II Cor 10:3-6 II Cor 11:3 Phil 4:8</p> <p>What happens when ungodly thoughts go unchecked? Thinking Action Appetite Habit Stronghold for Satan</p> <p>II Tim - 2:24-26 - if we stray from the truth we will get ensnared by the devil to do his will</p> <p>Satan will shoot at us with lies, thoughts of rejection, wrong doctrine, thoughts of wrong doing (thoughts, dreams, visions, voices)</p> <p>We need to bring every thought captive to Christ</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluate the thought - belt of truth 2. Reject the thought if it is set against God's word 3. Replace the thought with the word of God - Phil 4:8

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