

Peter...

*“But there were **false prophets** also among the people, even as there shall be **false teachers** among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. (2) And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.”*

(2 Peter 2:1-2)

Conclusions

*“For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the **word of righteousness**: for he is a babe.”*

(Hebrews 5:13)

The Word of God, the Bible, is absolutely critical to every aspect of the Armor of God!

We must practice and train to become skilful in the Word of Righteousness. As we walk in the righteousness and faith of

God, we grow in our effectiveness as warriors in God's army. We must never forget that our battle is spiritual and that our weapons are not carnal/natural.

Our righteousness which is of God in Christ Jesus must extend into our thinking. Our minds must be renewed and our thoughts and actions must line up with God's ways. This will come with practice, training and experience.

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The Armor of God

Part 4

The Breastplate of

Righteousness



“...and having on the breastplate of righteousness;”

(Ephesians 6:14)

Other Bible References

“For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.”

(Isaiah 59:17)

THE ARMOR OF GOD - THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

“But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:8)

The Armor of the Roman Soldier

Part of the success of the Roman military came from the design of its armor. The breastplate protected many of the soldier’s vital areas. The heart, lungs and other organs in the chest cavity would be protected by the breastplate.

The Roman soldier would fasten his breastplate to his belt. This would be done with leather thongs. This is another piece of evidence stressing the importance of wearing the entire armor. No piece should be omitted.

Spiritual Applications

As we can see from the other Bible passages above, there is some overlap in the armor. This is why it is critical to put on the entire armor. Our spiritual warfare will not be successful with pieces of the armor missing or weakened.

Our physical heart and lungs are essential to life. Between these two organs, oxygen which is essential to life, is transported throughout the body.

Spiritually, we need this breastplate of righteousness to protect our spiritual health and well being. The concern regarding deception is addressed throughout the Bible. We need to constantly wear our breastplate of faith and righteousness, attached to the belt of Truth, to keep our spiritual lives safe.

Here are a few of the things that the Bible says about deception.

Jesus speaking privately with His disciples...

*“And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed** that no man **de-***

***ceive** you.”*

(Matthew 24:4)

Jesus again...

*“For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall **de-***

***ceive** many.”*

(Mark 13:6)

Paul...

*“That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to **de-***

***ceive;**”*

(Ephesians 4:14)