## **Christian Soldiers Are Fully Armoured**

*Christian Soldiers* are the only "men of war" that are always "armoured in their battle fatigue!" Where-ever and when ever you see <u>Christian Soldiers</u> they are fully clothed in the armour of God. If they are sleeping, Christian Soldiers sleep fully armoured from head to toes.

The fact that Christian Soldiers are "armoured" from head to toes is good, but sometimes they forget about it because they are all invisible. Every piece of God's protective and defensive armoury for the church is invisible. And rightly so because the enemies of Christian Soldiers are not human beings. Our enemies are invisible too. If we fight against other human beings we would not be representing Christ. Jesus Christ taught, and he died for humanity. Jesus taught, "follow peace with all men", Hebrews 12:14.

Jesus left his peace with his Church:

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid," John 14:27.

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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. 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. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak," Ephesians 6:10-20.

## **Armoury of The Christian Soldiers**

The above Scriptures advised us to "take the helmet of salvation." This piece of the armoury is not just for the heads of Christian Soldiers but salvation (protection) for the whole body. When Christian Soldiers protect their heads from injury they are also preserving their entire bodies. Then, Christian Soldiers, we have the "sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God." "The breastplate of righteousness" protects the chests of Christian Soldiers. As Christian Soldiers we are different from all other "people of war" because our weaponry is different. For instance, our swords are not in our hands but in our mouths.

Ordinary soldiers, in earlier times, utilized theirs swords using their hands. Christians soldiers, then and now, make maximum use of their sword by speaking the Word of God in faith. Note also, this sword is not even ours. The Word of God is the "sword of the Spirit", it belongs to the Spirit of God. This is one of the reasons Christian Soldiers need the guidance of the Spirit in speaking the right words to the right person at the most opportune time. Christian Soldiers, allow the Holy Spirit to lead you to speak the right word to the right person. If every Christian soldier follow this simple rule he would have chosen the right words, the right person at the right time every time.

As Christian Soldiers, when we <u>speak the Word of God</u> we set in motion many, many things. By speaking God's Word the Spirit stabs a death stroke into the kingdom of darkness. When Christian Soldiers speak the Word of God they are attacking the kingdom of darkness, the systems of this

world and simultaneously building the Kingdom of God. By speaking the Word of God Christian Soldiers release their creative powers. Christian Soldiers give life to the dying when they speak faith to them by telling them, they can live through Jesus Christ.

Our entire armour is not ours but God's, it is "the armour of God." God does not need an armour, He is the all powerful God. But He owns it and gave it to us as his protection for us.

## **Christian Soldiers Already Have God's Protection**

Many times Christian Soldiers pray that God will protect us from this or that. Honestly, we already have God's protection with us and don't even know it. Recall, "the Lord's Prayer", there is no request or petition for protection in it because God gave us his "armour" for our full protection. "Deliver us from evil" is not talking about regular protection. This "armour of God" is the Holy Ghost. If you have that protection put it to work, use it by speaking the Word of God. Speak the Words of God to your situations and circumstances. Speak them also into the spirit of others. This may sound simple and easy enough but it can be one of the hardest things to do for many of us. This, I think, is one of the reasons the Apostle Paul request prayer for it, Ephesians 6:18-20.

Sometimes Christian Soldiers can be over zealous but ignorant of what it means to be a Christian Soldier. Soldiers of Christ, let us fight with the understanding for, "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier," 2 Timothy 2:4.

By speaking the Word of God to someone who is depressed and sad Christian Soldiers, you have actually just engaged the adversary, the Devil. The word of light that you speak to a person builds hope, strength and lighten his path for him to pull himself out from darkness.

Satan's plan for all man kind is that we be in hell with him and his angels. Therefore, he lays traps to kill us spiritually, if we are disobedient and unbelieving to God's Word, then we shall not get into heaven. Heaven was Satan former home, the place God banished him and the other angels from forever. But Jesus the Messiah, took care of him when he died on the cross because Jesus died if you only believe in Jesus Christ you are victorious over Satan. If you believe Jesus you will obey him too.

## **Christian Soldiers Fight With Understanding**

Christian Soldiers, the instant you tell someone, you are not alone for Jesus is always with you; you are not going to fail for Jesus will help you; stop blaming yourself tell your problems to Jesus and ask him to forgive you and he will; you are marked by the Devil for destruction because you are doing God's work. Christian Soldiers don't be afraid, operate in the full knowledge and power of Jesus Christ. You already have victory thought the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the Devil knows this. Therefore, all he his doing is pretend to cause you to lose faith and quit. But Christian Soldiers, do not give up for Jesus never intended for you to quit that is why he went all the way to Calvary for our sins so that you can have victory over Satan and over sin.

Therefore, Christian Soldiers, fight with the understanding and speak with the understanding. You will be attacked by the kingdom of darkness for speaking God's Word but know you are fully protected by the "whole armour of God", the Holy Ghost. Pressure will be brought to bear on you for being God's mouth. Like Paul encouraged Timothy I'm encouraging you: "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ," 2 Timothy 2:3.

You may bend or bow under the pressures that Satan will bring against you for speaking on God's behalf but do not break, endure like a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, fight (speak) with the understanding knowing that you will be attacked by the adversary for speaking God's Word. Fight (speak) with the understanding knowing that you are protected by

the "whole armour of God" but you have to "take" the amour. Accept God's Words by faith and apply it to your lives.

#### **Christian Soldiers' Nutrition**

In all your doing refuse to be bogged down by the affairs of this life. Never forget to nourish yourself spiritually. Anything that is not fed will starve to death, spiritually or naturally. Feed yourselves, spiritually, with prayer, fasting, Bible reading, Bible studies, memorization and meditation of the Word, spiritual songs, psalms, and fellowship with other Believers. If you fail to do this you would have "entangled" yourself in the "affairs" of this life. Since all our armoury are spiritual if we are not, we cannot "take" them and effectively apply them to our lives for our protection in Christ Jesus.

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? if any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's," 2 Corinthians 10:3-7.

We should never be too busy to nourish ourselves with kingdom food. Observe the people who are most stressed and very depressed they are the ones who do not have a regular and consistent prayer life. Manage your time well. There are twenty four hours in a day. Everyone, alive, has equal access to the same twenty four hours yet some use it well and others don't. Schedule time, each day, for doing heavenly central things, similar to how we schedule, without even realising that what we are doing, time for other things. We sometimes, unconscious to us, schedule things like work, movies, reading and relaxation. We are tourists on earth, our residence is in heaven, and because of that we cannot be earthly focus and never get to see our Father face to face as our Lord and not as our judge because we did not do the things we should have done.

Recently, I was in a situation where I spoke God's Words about an area of my life to one of my colleagues. Since then those circumstances in my life that, I spoke about, have become progressively worst, which is opposite to my utterance. This is a direct consequence of having boldly spoken God's Words. The Word that I spoke is being tried. Understand the reason we have to "take the shield of faith" "above all" other pieces of armoury. It is faith in God by Jesus Christ which makes each of us worthy of anything from God. If we lose faith in him we are defeated. Recall that is why Jesus prayed for Peter's faith to remain and not fail him. Without faith in God we are in sin because we would have doubt His Word. Faith is not motivated by what we see in our life circumstances and situations. In fact it is what we do not see. Our faith in God through Jesus Christ is what we KNOW God is going to do because He said in His Words that He would.

#### **Christian Soldiers Possess The Armour of God Not to Fall But to Stand**

So when we speak God's Words Satan puts pressure on us through others, through our personal circumstances and situations to weaken our resolve to STAND on God's Words. So by the power of God which is in Christ Jesus I speak strength, life, hope and resolve to you today. A resolve to believe and STAND on God's Words irrespective of what is happening around you. We have the "armour of God" not to fall but to stand. When it seems if you receive one more bill you are going to blow a head gasket, STAND. That will be the Devil's best shot. If his best shot cannot topple you over nothing from him will. Stand for Jesus and he will stand with you.

Hold on to God's Words one day at a time. Hold on just for today. Tomorrow, hold on just for that day until God sends His Word to release you like He did for Joseph.

Finally, stand on the promises of God with rock hard immovable CERTAINTY. You will have nothing to stand on if you lack the Word of God. So input and receive the Word of God into your spirit. Read it, listen to it, memorize it, sing it and speak it but by all means get the Word of God into yourself.

God came to us via a relationship, Joseph and Mary's, to give us Jesus the Messiah. Then he came to us via Jesus and the Church. Relationships is Satan's primary target to afflict and bring pressure on us to destroy us because he knows the awesome power of relationships. I pray right now for our many relationships: our associations with family, with relatives, with friends, with the church and with people at work. I pray we will learn to co-exist and learn to get along amicably with others in both our private and public lives; at home, at work, in society at church and with God. Amen

Pray one more time and wait one more day for God to do His work in your life and as you wait speak God's Words over your relationship with others, personal, business or Kingdom relationships and watch God fight on your behalf.

# Soldiers of Jesus Christ War Not Against People

Jesus Christ is a present help in trouble. Deuteronomy chapter twenty verses one to twenty, Deuteronomy 20:1-20, explains how the Lord prepares His people for war with the enemies. While we may not fight war in this fashion anymore nevertheless, we are at war everyday against the powers of hell.

The children of Israel, (Israel) seems to have thing backwards, whoever, goes to a priest for war council? One usually seeks war advise from war veterans. But be not dismayed for a priest of the living God is constantly involve in warfare. On a daily basis he is involved in a war. The priest of God maybe more adept at war than the best war general. Daily, the priest of the Most High God is involve in spiritual warfare against the power of darkness, Satan. He fights in a war where his opponent is invisible. Which is more difficult, fighting a enemy you can see or fighting one you cannot see? I think the latter is harder.

As the time of war approaches the priest of the Lord God, shall speak to the warriors. What is he saying? He says:

- You will engage your enemies in war today.
- Let not your hearts faint.
- Do not be afraid, fear not.
- Do not tremble.
- Do not be terrified of them.

#### Why?

- 1. The Lord goes with you in this fight.
- 2. The Lord will fight against your enemies to save you.

So the Lord employs His priest first then the "officers" of war to speak to the army. The Lord, by the officers, selects those who can fight a good fight and send home the others because the glory of the war must be for Jesus.

## Who do soldiers of Jesus Christ war or battle with?

After the officers spoke to the soldiers, and those who should leave, left, then he selected captains

of the army to lead the people. Who do *soldiers of Jesus Christ* war or battle with? "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", Ephesians 6:12.

To be a soldier of Jesus Christ one has to be focused. The "officers" of war send everyone home who wanted to be home. Each of those that returned home had a possible distraction in his life. One cannot enter into war with anything on his mind but victory.

The priest prepared the soldiers spiritually. The officers prepared them for the natural things. Soldiers of Jesus Christ must be balanced. An unbalanced soldier is distracted and inefficient in battle because he is more focus on his distractions that the war. Everything must be in moderation.

As soldiers of Jesus Christ we must be sharp and vigilant at all times. This conditions speaks of the speed and ease our spirit are able to discern evil disguised as good. And there are some very clever disguises out there.

Soldiers of Jesus Christ must enter into warfare protected. Christian soldiers must put on the "whole armour of God." Going into any spiritual war it is important to know you are not alone. Know that the Lord goes with you into each fight. So, enter into warfare with full assurance that Jesus is with you as you put on the complete armour of God. Be strong in Jesus and the power of his might. Let us put on the complete armour of God "to stand" against all the devil will throw at us. Stand against all his deception, all his trickery, stand by faith.

### Soldiers of Jesus Christ Put on Complete Armour of God Before War

First, have your waist belted with "truth". Second, put on the "breastplate" of righteousness. Third, put on the shoes of the gospel of peace. Fourth, above all the other pieces of armour take the "shield of faith". Even, if you do not have any belt, no breastplate, no shoes, no helmet, no sword you must have a shield for by faith everything is possible if we only believe. Fifth, put on the "helmet" of salvation. Finally, "take the sword of the Spirit", this is the Word of God. I have heard preachers say the "sword" is the only offensive piece in the armoury. But that is not true. An experienced seasoned soldier will use the shield as both an offensive and a defensive weapon. He can use the shield to attack and to defend himself. For example, when the circumstances are stacked against you and it seems one more blow from the devil will topple you over, hold up that heavy shield of faith because God is with you, you are not alone. Although your shield may seems heavy and battered NEVER stop believing that Jesus Christ will never leave you nor forsake you. He promised to be with you always to the very end.

Offensively, you maybe in a situation where everyone is saying, you will fail and you cannot succeed and everything around you appears that way too. But know this one thing, the Lord God is with you to fight against your enemies to save you. So, press on despite what others say. Press on despite how difficult and futile the situation looks for we walk my faith and not by sight.

Finally, the Lord tells you all this before you engage in war. You must always enter into war with full assurance of victory. It is not a situation of, you win some and you loose some. No. Why? Two reasons. One, the Lord Jesus Christ goes with you into the fight. Two, you win them all because Jesus is with you to fight against your enemies to save you. Where is failure in that? There is no failure in Jesus Christ only victory by faith.

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#### The Christian Soldier at Wartime!

As we are living in the last days and it is inevitable that all the nations will eventually go to war, what should be the Christian's position? We are all soldiers in God's Army, let us remember. Yet, some of you who may be reading this may also be soldiers in the physical army of a country as well. Whatever category you fit into, here is Wisdom from God's Word to help us all stand victoriously and in a manner well pleasing to our Heavenly Father in these evil days.

#### Spiritual discipline is necessary to wage the spiritual warfare successfully.

**2Timothy 2:4** says, No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

First, we must realize that we are spiritual soldiers, always engaged in an invisible but nonetheless real war against the Devil and his cohorts. Ours is really, first and foremost a spiritual battle. We are not called to cower in fear or confusion but are called to "active duty", if you will. Active duty in the spiritual realm, that is. Especially to seek God in prayer and intercession more than ever in times of crisis.

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