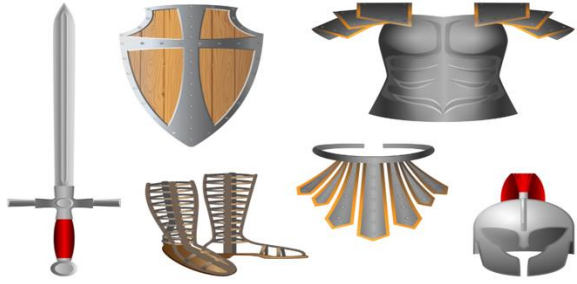


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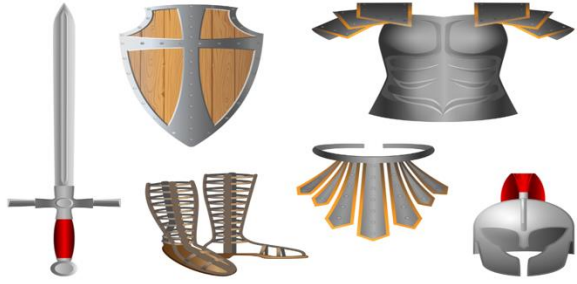


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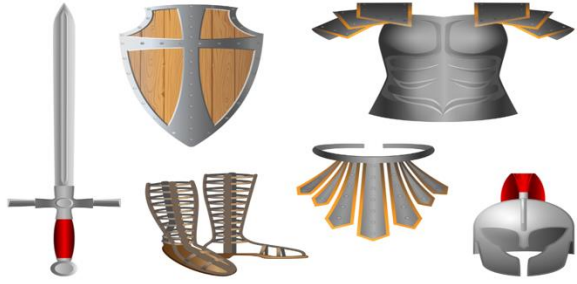
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- 13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you **alive** with Christ. He **forgave** us all our **sins**, 14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. 15 And having **disarmed** the **powers** and **authorities**, he made a public spectacle of them, **triumphing over them by the cross**. (Col 2:13-15, NIV)
- That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and **seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms**, 21 far **above all** rule and authority, power and dominion, and **every** name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things **under his feet** and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. (Eph 1:19b-23, NIV)

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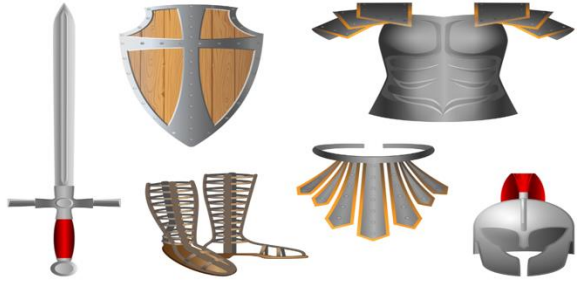
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- 6 And God **raised us up with Christ** and **seated us with him** in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. (Eph 2:6-7, NIV)
- 10 Finally, be strengthened in the Lord, and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you will be able to **stand against** the schemes of the devil. 12 Because, for us, the battle is not against blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this dark [age], against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Because of this, take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to **stand** in resistance on the day when evil comes and, after having prepared everything, to **stand**. (Eph 6:10-13, AT)

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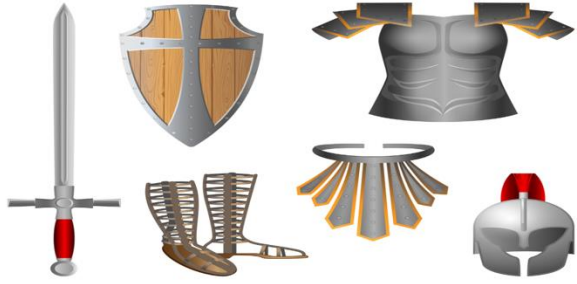
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- **Stand**, therefore, having girded your waist in truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness (Eph 6:14, AT)
- Stand therefore, having **your loins girt about** [περιζώννυμι | *perizōnnymi*] **with truth**, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; (Eph 6:14, KJV).
- Stand firm therefore, having **girded your loins with truth** [περιζώννυμι | *perizōnnymi*] and having put on the breastplate of righteousness. (Eph 6:14, NASB)

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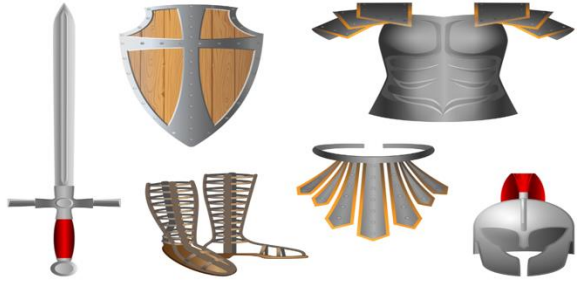
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- 35 “**Be dressed ready for service** [περιζώννυμι | *perizōnnymi*] and keep your lamps burning, 36 like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. (Lk 12:35-36, NIV)
- 35 **Let your loins be girded about** [περιζώννυμι | *perizōnnymi*], and your lights burning; (Lk 12:35, KJV)
- And thus shall ye eat it; **with your loins girded**, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall **eat it in haste**: it is the LORD’s passover. (Ex 12:11, NIV)

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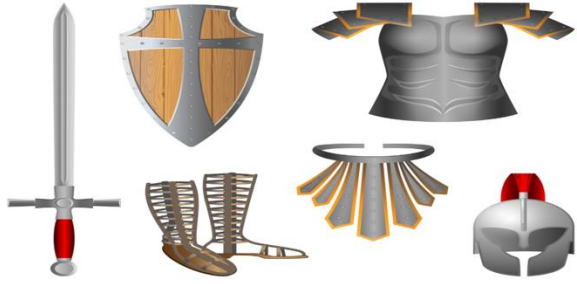
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- 3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people—5 the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the **true message of the gospel** (Col 1:3-5, NIV)
- 31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know **the truth**, and **the truth** will set you free.” (Jn 8:31-32, NIV)

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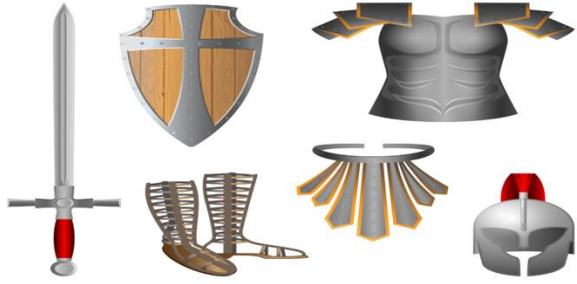
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- 1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. 2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the **Spirit of wisdom** [cf. Eph 1:17] and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. 3 He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; 4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
- 5 He will strike the earth with the **rod of his mouth**; with the **breath of his lips** he will slay the wicked. **Righteousness will be his belt** and **faithfulness the sash** around his waist. (Is 11:1-5, NIV)
- And righteousness shall be the **girdle** of his loins, And faithfulness the **girdle** of his reins. (Is 11:5, KJV)

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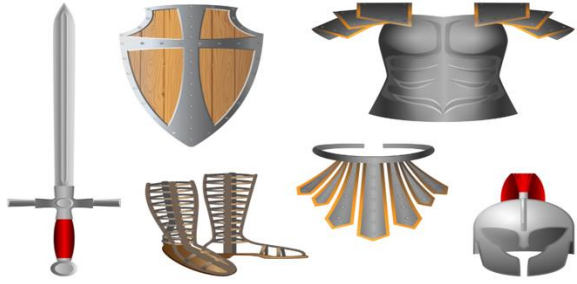
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- 22 You were taught, with regard to your **former way of life**, to **put off your old self**, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to **put on the new self**, created to be **like God in true righteousness and holiness**. 25 Therefore each of you must **put off falsehood** and **speak truthfully** to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. (Eph 4:22-25, NIV)
- 8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and **truth**) (Eph 5:8-9, NIV)

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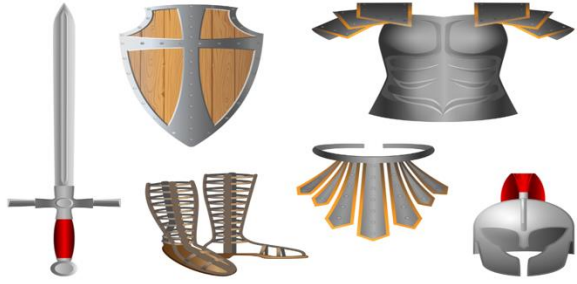
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- He put on **righteousness as his breastplate**, and the **helmet of salvation** on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak. (Is 59:17, NIV)
- 18 According to what they have done, so will he repay wrath to his enemies and retribution to his foes; he will repay the islands their due. 19 From the west, people will fear the name of the LORD, and from the rising of the sun, they will revere his glory. For he will come like a pent-up flood that the breath of the LORD drives along. “**The Redeemer will come to Zion**, to those in Jacob who **repent of their sins**,” declares the LORD. (Is 59:20, NIV)

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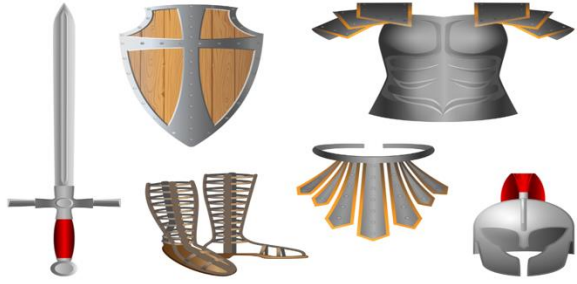
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- For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on **faith and love as a breastplate**, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. (1 Th 5:8, NIV)
- 7 in **truthful** speech and in the power of God; with **weapons** of **righteousness** in the right hand and in the left; (2 Cor 6:7, NIV)
- The **righteousness** of the blameless **makes their paths straight**, but the wicked are **brought down by their own wickedness**. (Pr 11:5, NIV)

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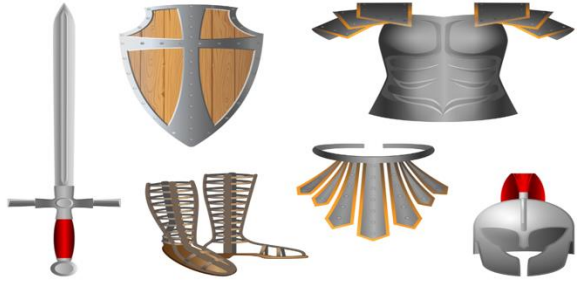
EPHESIANS 6:15 READY, STEADY FEET

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- and having feet strapped with [the] readiness of the Gospel of peace, (Eph 6:15, AT)
- How beautiful on the mountains are the **feet** of those who bring **good news** [LXX: εὐαγγελίζω | *euangelizō*], who proclaim **peace**, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!” (Is 52:7, NIV)
- Look, there on the mountains, **the feet of one who brings good news, who proclaims peace!** Celebrate your festivals, Judah, and fulfill your vows. No more will the wicked invade you; they will be completely destroyed. (Nah 1:5, NIV)

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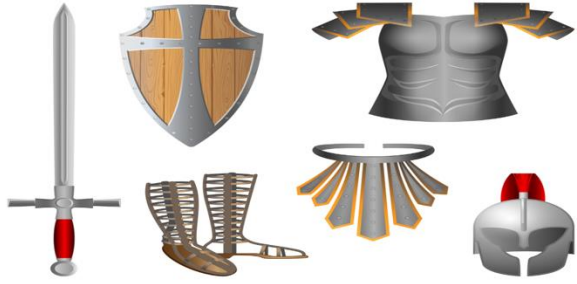
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- 13 for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” [Joel 2:32]. 14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “**How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!**” (Rom 10:13-15, NIV)
- But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Is 53:5, NIV)

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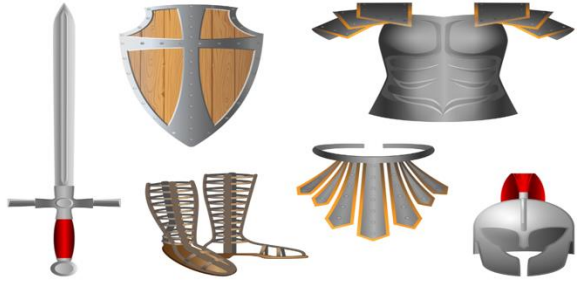
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- 11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)—12 remember that at that time you were **separate** from Christ, **excluded** from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who **once were far away** have been **brought near** by the blood of Christ. (Eph 2:11-13, NIV)
- 14 For he himself is our **peace**, who has **made the two groups one** and has **destroyed the barrier**, the **dividing wall** of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself **one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace**, (Eph 2:14-15, NIV)
- 16 and in **one body** to **reconcile both** of them **to God through the cross**, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached **peace** to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we **both have access** to the Father by one Spirit. (Eph 2:16-18, NIV)

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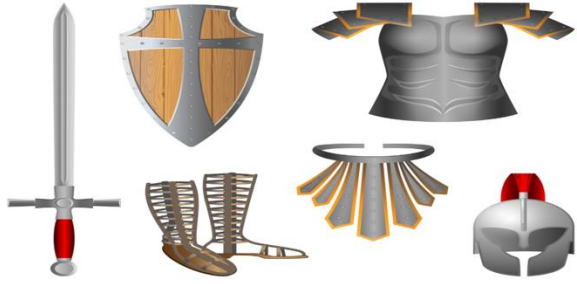
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- 1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. (Rom 5:1-2, NIV)

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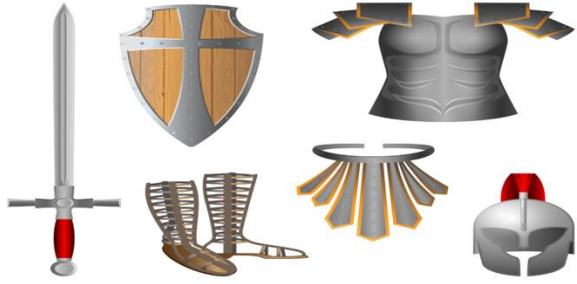
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- In [addition to] all this, having taken up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all of the flaming arrows of the Evil One, (Eph 6:16, AT)
- After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your **shield**, your very great reward.” (Gen 15:1, NIV)
- “As for God, his way is perfect: The LORD’s word is flawless; he **shields** all who take refuge in him. (2 Sam 22:31, NIV)

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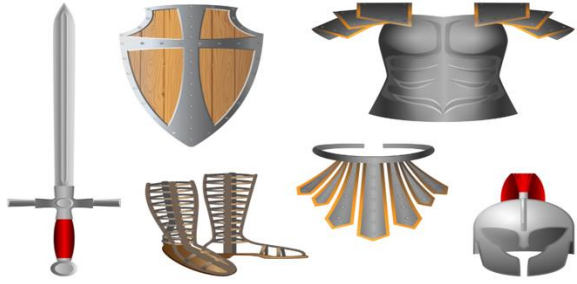
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- 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, **one faith**, one baptism; (Eph 4:4-5, NIV; cf. Eph 4:13)
- They sharpen their tongues like swords and aim **cruel words** like deadly **arrows**. (Ps 64:3, NIV)
- Like a club or a sword or a sharp **arrow** is one who gives **false testimony** against a neighbor. (Pr 25:18, NIV)

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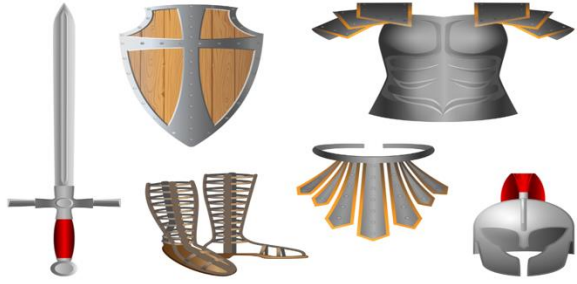
EPHESIANS 6:17 HELMET OF SALVATION

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- also receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Eph 6:17, AT)
- He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the **helmet of salvation** on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak. (Is 59:17, NIV)
- But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the **hope of salvation as a helmet** (1 Th 5:8, NIV)

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- but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the **rod of his mouth**; with the **breath** [LXX: πνεῦμα] **of his lips** he will slay the wicked. (Is 11:4, NIV)
- 11 Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is **not you speaking**, but the **Holy Spirit**. (Mk 13:11, NIV)
- ... man does not live on bread alone but on every word [LXX: *rhema*] that comes from the mouth of the Lord (Dt 8:3b, NIV; cf. Mt 4:4)