The enemy may be invisible but he is NOT FICTIONAL

EYE OPENING

VISION

THE ENEMY'S STRATEGIES

AGAINST YOUR PASSION

He seeks to dim your desire for prayer, to worship, to witness, to be light, salt.

AGAINST YOUR IDENTITY

He magnifies your insecurities leading you to doubt what GOD says about you.

AGAINST YOUR FAMILY

He wants to divide your home, rending it chaotic, restless, and unfruitful.

AGAINST YOUR CALLING

He amplifies fear, worry, and anxiety until they're the loudest voices in your head.

AGAINST YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

He creates disruption and disunity with spouse, friends and within the body of Christ (THE CHURCH)

GOD is greater than anything the enemy attempts.

Your Armor is YAHWEH'S own Armor. Given as a gift and empowered by His Spirit to ensure victory.

Isaiah 57:1-5

The pure worship of Yahweh had been replaced by idolatry and perverted cultic practicesorcery, prostitution and child sacrifice.

ISAIAH 59:1-21

Ephesians 6:13-16

10.) "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. 11.) Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 12.) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places."

Ephesians 6:10-12

13.) "Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14.) Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, 15.) and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE;"

Ephesians 6:13-15

16). "in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17). And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18). With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints," Ephesians 6:16-18

The first four pieces of the armor are introduced as a command to stand

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Paul's intention was to clarify that one can stand against the powers of darkness.

4) for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. 5) We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ," 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 NASB

Paul is referring to a Christians life as warfare against satan using resources supplied to us by GOD.

Paul had already explained each piece of the Armor earlier in his etter

TRUTH is your core support. It provides the essential backing you need when you're in the midst of spiritual war.

"In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise," Ephesians 1:13

"but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ," Ephesians 4:15 NASB

"if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, 22) that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23) and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24) and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth. 25) Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE of you WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another." Ephesians 4:21-25

"for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth)," Ephesians 5:8-9 NASB

TRUTH refers to believers doing what is RIGHT and being FAITHFUL TO GOD.

"The sum of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting."

Psalms 119:160 NASB

Christians must be prepared for every day conflicts with the forces of evil.

"Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil." Ephesians 6:11 NASB "Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm." Ephesians 6:13 NASB Believers response to the reality of this warfare should be to use EVERY PIECE OF GODS ARMOR

In order for us to stand our ground in the heat of battle, we need EVERY PIECE OF GODS ARMOR.

ONLY with the armor will we be able to stand firm, it would be impossible to stand on our own strength alone.

"You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world." 1 John 4:4 NASB

"The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light."

Romans 13:12 NASB

"I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness." John 12:46 NASB

PUT RIGHTEOUSNESS ON LIKE A BREAST PLATE

GOD is perfect as is his standard of righteousness.

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," Romans 3:23 NASB

If GOD'S perfection is what Paul was referring to when he commanded us to put on the breastplate of righteousness we all would be in BIG TROUBLE.

And the enemy Loves to use this to his advantage, inciting us to chase perfectionism instead of chasing GOD.

Imputed Righteousness

THE CROSS

When you trust Jesus as your personal Savior, the penalty of sin is removed and the gift of GOD'S own righteousness is given (imputed) to you

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." 2 Corinthians 5:17 NASB

24) being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; 25) whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;" Romans 3:24-25 NASB

"for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus." Romans 3:26 NASB

17) So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, 18) being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;" Ephesians 4:17-18 NASB

19) and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. 20) But you did not learn Christ in this way," Ephesians 4:19-20 NASB

21) if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, 22) that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit," Ephesians 4:21-22 NASB

23) and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24) and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth."

Ephesians 4:23-24 NASB

"He who pursues righteousness and loyalty Finds life, righteousness and honor." Proverbs 21:21 NASB

1) O LORD, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill? 2) He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, And speaks truth in his heart." Psalms 15:1-2 NASB

"He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake." Psalms 23:3 NASB

"In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; Incline Your ear to me and save me." Psalms 71:2 NASB "Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And Your law is truth." Psalms 119:142 NASB