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The Armor from God part 3

I. The armor from God is the only successful way to stand against and defeat Satan's lusts.
1. Requires supernatural enabling from the Holy Spirit.
2. The lusts from Satan: independence from God, doubt, disappointment, discouragement, bitterness, cowardness, lying, pride, unforgiving spirit, stealing, corrupt communication, laziness, gossip, busybody.
    1) All these lusts hinge on a faulty premise— a fake foundation for a conclusion.
    2) Most of these lusts are "acceptable" in society.
3. The armor from God provides the supernatural ability to occupy one's mind, to draw conclusions using the alternative foundation Scriptue to draw conclusions.
    1) A faulty presupposition resulting in action—sin.
    2) Scriptural belief resulting in action—righteousness.
4. Mental preparation for putting on the armor.
    1) Be spiritual—access the strength in Christ (Eph. 6:10).
    2) Be sober—take the attack seriously (1 Pet. 5:8).
    3) Be vigilant—alert in mind (1 Pet. 5:8).
    4) Stand against Satan in the faith (1 Pet. 5:9).
    5) Believe that with submission to God, you will be victorious (1 Cor. 10:13; Jam. 4:7).

II. Put on, like clothes, the whole armor from God (Eph. 6:11, 13).
1. Wrap around your **loins with truth**: use the pure logical truth from Scripture, leaving out emotions, feelings.
2. Put on the **breastplate consisting of righteousness**, the source of all our righteousness is in Christ.

III. Feet with the readiness of the Gospel of peace (Eph. 6:15).
1. The Gospel concerning peace—peace with God (Rom. 5:1-2; 2 Cor. 5:19; Col. 1:20).
2. The true Gospel for salvation (Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 15:1-4).

IV. Fake gospels—believe without **the** object (1 Cor. 15:2).

1. Fake gospel from Jesus earthly ministry (2 Cor. 11:4, cf. Mt. 16:21-22; 17:22-23; 20:8-19; Mk. 8:31-32; 10:33-34; Lu. 9:22; 18:31-34).
2. Fake gospel that you give your heart to the Lord (cf. Rom. 10:9-10.
    1) Ask Jesus into your heart, or life.
    2) Pray and ask the Jesus for salvation.
    3) Jesus loves sinners, so ask him to save you.
    4) Repent of all your sinful ways (cf. Jn. 16:7-11).
    5) Become a disciple of Jesus (cf. Mt. 28:18-19).
    6) Or any method whereby you do something.
3. Lordship for salvation, usually based on Jesus' earthly ministry. The following is a direct quote.
    1) Christ's death purchased eternal salvation.
    2) The saved are justified by grace through faith in Christ alone.
    3) Sinners cannot earn divine favor.
    4) God requires no preparatory works or pre-salvation reformation.
    5) Eternal life is a gift of God.
    6) Believers are saved before their faith produces any righteous works.
4. **However!**, the faulty premise is that a redefinition of *faith*.
    1) They define faith for salvation as, ***"you must repent of your sin and yield to Christ's authority."***
    2) ***Repentance for salvation is to turn from all your sin*** (cf. 1 Cor. 15:3; Jn. 16:8-9).
    3) "Accepting just the basic facts (of the gospel) is 'easy-belivism' ".
5. To believe simply means to obey—no works (Rom. 10:16; 4:4-5).