The Armor from God part 4

I. God the Holy Spirit, by means of the Armor *from* God, provides all the defensive resistance need to thwart Satan's lusts.

1. By understanding some specific doctrinal precepts, the Holy Spirit uses these teachings to provide counter lusts.
    - Satan's lusts: Jn. 8:44 vs. Spirit's lusts: Gal. 5:17
    - (Cf. Eph. 2:2-3)
2. 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.
    - Use Scripture to discern what is fitting in character and what is unfitting in character (Heb. 5:14).
2. Put on the **breastplate consisting of righteousness**, the source of all our righteousness is in Christ.
    - Total dependence on family relationship to act right.
3. **Feet with the readiness of the Gospel of peace** (Eph. 6:15).
    - Know and have confidence in the pure, true Gospel.
    - Be able to discern fake gospels (Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 15:1-4).
    - Be prepared to share that Gospel (1 Pet. 3:15).

III. ***In*** *addition to* ***all these*** *(other pieces of the armor)* ***having taken up the shied consisting of the faith, by which*** *shield* ***you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one*** (Eph. 6:16).

1. This is a shift in Satan's strategy—wiles (v. 11; Job 1:7; 2:2; Psa. 104; Amos 3:4, 8).
2. One must stand to use the shield.
3. The shield must be ready prior to the incoming arrows.
4. The shield consisting of the faith—regarding the armor.
5. Faith—promise from God—hope (Heb. 11:1; 10:23).
    1) Hope is the bases for faith, not faith (Rom. 8:24).
    2) The faith to order one's lifestyle (2 Cor. 5:7).
    3) The faith that the armor will work (Jam. 4:7).