The Armor from God part 5

I. God the Holy Spirit, by means of the **Armor *from* God**, provides all the defense we need to foil Satan's lusts—they do not necessarily go away (1 Cor. 10:13—bear up under).

1. By learning some specific doctrinal principles, the Holy Spirit uses these teachings to provide counter lusts (Gal. 5:17).
2. Mental preparation is required to put on the armor effectively.
    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 <u>shied consisting of the faith</u>, by which*** *shield* ***you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one*** (Eph. 6:16).

1. The shied is because Satan shifts his strategy—wiles (Eph. 6:11).
    1) Walking around probing for weakness (Job 1:7; 2:2).
    2) Like a lion roars, Satan tries get his prey to flinch (1 Pet. 5:8-9; Psa. 104:21; Amos 3:4, 8).
2. One must be standing 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's effectiveness.
5. Three inseparable Faith—promise from God—hope (Heb. 11:1; 10:23).
    1) The **<u>promise</u>** must be from God to Christians *in your condition.*
        i. Not every promise in the Book is ours.
        ii. New Testament believers have it better:
            - Better hope than Law (Heb. 7:19).
            - Better covenant than Law (Heb. 7:22).
            - Better High Priest, better promise<u>s</u> (Heb. 8:6).
            - Better sacrifices than animals (Heb. 9:23).
            - Better resurrection that Old Testament saints (Heb. 11:40).
        iii. Examples of New Testament promises to Christian that you do not want to "claim" (2 Pet. 2:21; 1 Jn. 5:16; 1 Cor. 3:17; Heb. 10:26)
    2) **<u>Faith</u>** that is an enabling from the Holy Spirit to internalize, conceptualize reality of a promise from God (Heb. 11:1).
    3) **<u>Hope</u>** is the basis for faith, the content of the promise from God, it is not faith (Heb. 10: 23; Rom. 8:24).
    4) Faith is
    5) used to order one's lifestyle (Gal. 5:22; 2 Cor. 5:7).
    6) The faith that the armor will work (Jam. 4:7).