



Within these words rest the basics for the Christian life, the Christian walk, and the Christian stand during troubles and trials. Sometimes we think the basics are “too basic” to be important. But until we learn and master the basics—the “advanced” never fits right. And we will always have to use these fundamentals, because they are “basic” to our spiritual battle. Believe me that everything is related to the spirit world.

Take time—get alone (if you can)—quiet before

the Lord—and read this to yourself. Think about the meaning (and power)—then read it out loud as a prayer to God and also as a notice to the spiritual world as to your intentions and your stand.

“Dear Heavenly Father, I come boldly before you now because of the shed blood of Jesus that made a way for me, and in that name I commit this day to you. Any sin in my life I now forsake and confess to You Lord, in Jesus’ Name. And I now accept your complete forgiveness. It is the righteousness of You, Jesus, my Lord and Saviour that continually cleanses me from all sin. I put aside my wants, my desires, my ambitions. Ephesians 6:12 says, *“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”* Thank you Father for providing a means by which I may stand. I now by faith—believing—put on your armor and stand in this fight as commanded in verse 13.”

LOIN GIRDLE OF TRUTH

“First, I put on the Loin Girdle of Truth to stand against all devices of Satan and his demons. I know they are out to steal, defile, torment and destroy. But I know that, *‘greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world.’* Father, please give me the Divine knowledge, wisdom and discernment to detect the devil at work with his lies and secret workings. Help me hunger and follow only after truth. Help me not yield to the devil’s deceptions even when he appears as an angel of light.”

BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

“Next, I put on the Breastplate of Righteousness. Lord, it is the righteousness of Jesus. I know I have none of my own. I am not only ‘justified’ but actually made ‘righteous’ by the shed blood of Jesus. I have truly been bought with His blood. Thank you now that there is no condemnation. I refuse to accept the devil’s condemnation for failure, for I have been forgiven even as I also forgive all who have sinned against me.”

SHOES OF PEACE

“I cover my feet with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. I am in readiness and have made my peace with you, Lord. The peace that man can’t understand. I plant and keep my feet on your Word, which is Jesus Christ, the rock of my salvation. I receive your peace, for you have not given me a “spirit of fear,” and I refuse to receive fear - worry - unrest - bitterness - rejection - depression in the name of Jesus because it is not of God and I am His child.”

SHIELD OF FAITH

“Above all I take the Shield of Faith as Paul instructed in verse 16. In using the faith that you have given me, I can and do quench all of the fiery darts of the wicked that are hurled at me. In using my faith to stand I know that you are pleased. By faith I was saved. By faith I walk. By faith I stand. By faith I am healed. By faith I live and when it’s time for me to die - I’ll die standing in faith on your Word.”

HELMET OF SALVATION

“Now Lord, I put on the Helmet of Salvation. My

mind is covered by your salvation and the blood of Christ shed for me. I let your mind be my mind. Your thoughts shall be my thoughts. Let me say and do only what the Holy Spirit leads. I cast down the evil thoughts of the enemy. I watch for them, and see them for the evil they are. I resist them as they come. I direct my thoughts to victory in Jesus because the battle is yours Father.”

SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

“Lastly, I take the Sword of the Spirit—the Holy Bible. I believe the Word of God, and continually confess it. It is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Father, help me stand against satanic powers with your Word.”

CONCLUSION

Dear Christian Friend: Realize who you are in Jesus. The Bible says you are an overcomer and a child of God. Therefore, begin each day by realizing you are who the Bible says you are. Pray this prayer faithfully each day until it becomes as much part of your life as brushing your teeth. You have authority and power over the enemy. God wants you to trust Him. He desires for signs and wonders to be the norm; sick people healed, the lost saved, and the bound set free. So read His Word faithfully putting on God’s armor. Pray, and praise, and believe God’s Word as never before.

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