

# Gear Up Part 2

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<sup>16</sup> Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

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When Paul says above all, a better translation might be, “lift up your shield of faith to cover the rest of your armor with”

Faith – pistis – pis’-tis = persuasion, moral conviction of spiritual truth; reliance on Christ for salvation and by extension the Gospel itself; assurance and belief

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The Word of God is alive and active and our faith must also be alive and active.

Faith is that constant trust and confidence in God which gives us courage and assurance to face our adversary

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The extent of the power that God's Word has in us is the same as to the extent with which we believe God's Word.

Faith is a noun and like a talent or skill it must be used and exercised to make it grow

# Romans 12:2-4

<sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. <sup>3</sup> For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. <sup>4</sup> For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,

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Romans 10:17(NKJV) – “Faith comes by hearing. Hearing by the Word of God”

Whether it is saving faith or faith to move mountains or faith to quench fiery darts, our faith is built up when we spend time in God's presence and in God's Word

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2 Chronicles 20:20 - <sup>20</sup> So they got up early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Hear me, O Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe *and* trust in the Lord your God and you will be established (secure).

Faith has to have obedience.

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The shield of faith isn't about getting rescued; it is about being able to stand and fight. We were rescued when we got saved, from then on, we should be, by faith going from victory to victory.

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The shield was used as an offensive weapon; you could use to not only to deflect a blow but to give one. The shield allows you, especially as a group to press forward and drive back the enemy

Faith should not always be reactive, but proactive. Joshua 14:12 - <sup>12</sup> So now, give me this hill country about which the Lord spoke that day, for you heard on that day that the [giant-like] Anakim were there, with great fortified cities; perhaps the Lord will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the Lord said.” (AMP)

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# James 2:18-24 (AMP)

<sup>18</sup> But someone may say, “You [claim to] have faith and I have [good] works; show me your [alleged] faith without the works [if you can], and I will show you my faith by my works [that is, by what I do].” <sup>19</sup> You believe that God is one; you do well [to believe that]. The demons also believe [that], and shudder *and* bristle [in awe-filled terror—they have seen His wrath]! <sup>20</sup> But are you willing to recognize, you foolish [spiritually shallow] person, that faith without [good] works is useless? <sup>21</sup> Was our father Abraham not [shown to be] justified by works [of obedience which expressed his faith] when he offered Isaac his son on the altar [as a sacrifice to God]?

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<sup>22</sup> You see that [his] faith was working together with his works, and as a result of the works, his faith was completed [reaching its maturity when he expressed his faith through obedience]. <sup>23</sup> And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and this [faith] was credited to him [by God] as righteousness *and* as conformity to His will,” and he was called the friend of God. <sup>24</sup> You see that a man (believer) is justified by works and not by faith alone [that is, by acts of obedience a born-again believer reveals his faith].

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Salvation – soterion – so-tay'-ree-on = Defender, defense or salvation

The helmet of salvation isn't just saving me from my sins, it is, "God be my Defender"

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# Isaiah 57:17-19 (AMP)

Isaiah 59:17-19 - <sup>17</sup> For He [the Lord] put on righteousness like a coat of armor, and salvation like a helmet on His head; He put on garments of vengeance for clothing and covered Himself with zeal [and great love for His people] as a cloak. <sup>18</sup> As their deeds deserve, so He will repay: Wrath to His adversaries, retribution to His enemies; To the islands *and* coastlands He will repay. <sup>19</sup> So they will fear the name of the Lord from the west and His glory from the rising of the sun. For He will come in like a narrow, rushing stream which the breath of the Lord drives [overwhelming the enemy]. (AMP)

<sup>19</sup>...When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him. (NKJV)

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To put on the armor, is to have the armor be who we are.

That the truth of God permeates our very being. It is seen in who we are, what we say and what we do, His righteousness in part of our makeup and our DNA. His Gospel we have hid in our heart and He is our Savior and salvation; He is our strength and joy. It all comes down to these two statements; I believe Jesus is who He says and that He will do what He says that He will do.