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## PUT ON THE ARMOR OF LIGHT

Paul instructs the Christian in Romans 13:12, "The night is far spent, and the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light."

Then in Ephesians six he identifies the armor, and urges us to be strong in the Lord and the power of His might. How strong is the Lord? He is strong enough to uphold all things by the word of His power, strong enough to taste of death once for every man, strong enough to draw all Christians into the air to meet Him at His second coming, strong enough to use the cross as a battering ram to knock the Gates of Hades off their hinges. Stand in the strength of the Lord and the power of his might.

In 1st Chronicles 23:1 we read, "And Satan stood up against Israel." Satan is making a stand today against the Church-the Israel of God. If Satan is standing up against the church we dare not do less than make a stand on every point of gospel truth. The gospel song informs us, "Ain't Giving Up No Ground."

We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against a spiritual host of wickedness. Some of the wrestling among the ancient Greeks permitted the antagonist to gouge out the eyes of their opponent and they lived the rest of their lives in darkness. For this reason many do not believe in a Devil they cannot see. They live in spiritual darkness. Paul says the Devil has blinded the eyes of them that believe not.

The Church is not a playground; it is a battleground, the Church is not so much a hospital for sick Christians, but more like the barracks of soldiers. Fight the good fight of the faith lay hold on the life eternal. Notice that Paul urges us to stand against the wiles of the Devil. Look at his wiles. One of the Devil's wiles is that he will tell some people the Bible is not the word of God, and then he tells others the Bible is the word of God, and so is every other book that claims to be a revelation from God.

Another of the Devil's wiles is when he tells some

people that they are good enough to go to heaven without Christ, and the next thing he is telling somebody they are so evil that even Christ could not save them.

Here is another wile of the Devil. We are justified by living a good life, be as good as you can be. Faith and baptism has nothing to do with it. And then the next thing he is telling somebody to believe and be baptized for the remission of sins and then tells them to indulge in any work of the flesh they please. The Devil has a device for everybody specially tailored for your situation. He can sock every jock, sack every Jack, chill every Jill, zap every sap, and cope with every dope. Make a stand for God, and His Church, and then sing, "Ain't Giving Up No Ground."

Now here is a list of the parts of the armor of God. The first piece that is mentioned is the girdle of truth. Stand therefore having girded your loins with truth. Ladies and Gentlemen, What kind of girdle are you wearing? Some people having girded themselves with their "I feel" girdle. These good folk are always ready to tell you how they feel. Some even say they are saved because they feel they are saved. They may read a passage of scripture and then not conform to it on the basis that they feel it does not mean what it says. The girdle Paul speaks about here is the girdle of truth. Jesus did not say truth was what you think. He did not say truth is what you feel. He said in His prayer in John seventeen, "THY WORD IS TRUTH." Paul said that we should rightly divide the word of truth. If the word of truth can be rightly divided, it can also be wrongly divided. A good example of wrongly dividing the word of truth is looking to the example of the salvation of the thief on the cross and applying it to themselves. The thief died before Jesus was raised from the dead and the law of pardon given to those who believed on Jesus were told to repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

A man died who was a member of the Church. He had

been immersed but was very rarely in services by his own choice. After the funeral his son told me he wanted to be immersed. I asked him why? He said, "I want to go where daddy went." Now I hope his daddy is with the Lord, but if he is I must be the biggest fool in town. I have been telling people for several decades they had to be faithful unto death. Put on the girdle of truth and then the breastplate of righteousness.

The righteousness that we put on is not our own. Paul says it for us in II Corinthians 5:21, "Him who knew no sin was made to be sin for us that we might be more the righteous of God in Him." When we put on Christ we put on the righteousness of Christ. As many of us as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ. On Christ the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand. "Ain't Giving Up No Ground." Put on the whole armor of God.

Then Paul said, "Having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." The gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. To put on the gospel shoes is to walk through this world in the gospel. Those who do not know the gospel are walking in this world barefooted.

This reminds us of the statement in Genesis where God predicted that the seed of the woman would bruise the head of the serpent. If I am going to step on the head of Satan the old serpent, I do not want to do it barefooted, so put your foot on the Devil's neck. Paul said that you could do it. He said In Romans 16, "The Lord will bruise Satan under your feet shortly."

Years ago I saw a sign on the highway that invited people to come in and look at the snake pit. I looked down into what appeared to be a shallow well. In the bottom were several reptiles. If I, by some quirk of fate, would had fallen into a snake pit I think I would start stomping as fast as I could but I would hope I would not have to do it barefooted. If I am to stomp on rattlesnakes I want to be wearing hob-nailed boots. Ladies and gentlemen, the world is a snake pit. I don't want to live in this world without the gospel shoes. The gospel shoes are hob-nailed shoes. The nails are the three nails that pierced the hands and feet of Jesus. Christian young people have to stomp on snakes in school. Snakes usually infest the biology class since the creation story of the Bible is usually forbidden. For a young person to come out unscathed he has to do some tall stomping. Put on the whole armor of God. I do not know about you, but "I Ain't Giving Up No Ground." Next is the shield of faith.

The shield of faith was not given to make us comfortable. A shield did not protect Paul from a thorn in the flesh. The shield of faith will not keep you from getting fired or from getting a disease.

But the shield of faith will keep you from becoming bitter. It will keep you from giving up. Many a fiery dart has been fired by the Devil at the shield of faith.

The best way to use the shield of faith is to take the Bible and hold it in your hand and declare, "Lord, this is your word. I believe every word of it. I may not understand it all. I may not be able to answer all the questions the sneering unbeliever may ask. But Lord it is your word and I believe it. Help thou my unbelief." "I Ain't Giving Up No Ground." And now the fifth piece of the gospel armor is the

helmet of salvation.

The Helmet of salvation is important because it encircles the head. The helmet of salvation will keep you strong on the doctrine of salvation. You will not be pressured by the popular preachers and cave in to public opinion. Of course some use the helmet to protect their head and then drop their guard by lowering the shield of faith; and their heart is pierced with a dart from the Devil. You can be a saint in the head and believe the right doctrine and a reprobate in the heart with an unfaithful life, faithful in the head, but not in the heart.

Paul also calls the helmet the hope of salvation. Every plan we ever make is encircled by the thought that this life is not all there is. We are limited in this life as to what we can do and accomplish by the grave. There is a song that says, "One sweetly solemn thought that comes to me o'er; I am closer home today than I have been before." Then the sixth piece of gospel armor is the sword of the Spirit.

The sword of the Spirit is the word of God. In Hebrews we read that the word of God is sharper than any two edged sword piercing even unto the dividing of soul and spirit both joints and marrow quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart. In Revelation John saw a vision of Jesus with a sharp two-edged sword sticking out of His mouth. The sword of the Spirit is not used by the hand of the preacher; it is used by the mouth. This is God's super weapon.

Jesus used that sword when He was tempted of the Devil. He chose to use the same weapon we have at our disposal. He used the word of God, the sword of the Spirit. He said over and over, "It is written, it is written, it is written." The Bible has an adequate supply of ammunition as we use the sword of the Spirit.

The Bible is a sword, read it for fifteen minutes, open it up anywhere, and read slowly for fifteen minutes. It won't be long before one of those verses will jump right off the page and stab you. It will condone or condemn. It is the sword of the Spirit and it will cut.

Take up the sword of the Spirit with all prayer. All prayer is praying in the morning, and at night, and several times in between. All prayer at that time was praying for such leaders as Paul that utterance might be given to him that he might speak as he ought to speak, how much more do we need to pray all prayer for leaders today? All prayer is praying for all the members of the Church. Stand fast in the Lord and sing, "Ain't Giving Up No Ground."

## LETTERS

Dear Ed & Naomi,

By God's grace the Fianko Church is doing pretty well and so is the Unexpected Church that was meeting under the tree which has finally been adopted or is meeting with the nearby congregation when Lee and I agreed to support a little a month. They first worshipped Thee last Sunday 6/29/08. Information reaching us was that everything was O.K. however they will worship there only on Sundays as it is too hard cost too much to travel so far. The Fianko Church is one year old 7/1/08 we are joining them to celebrate this occasion with them and to take the advantage to talk to other people in other villages. Though I am

sick we still hold the Ed's Sermon translation and it won us two souls. It was raining but we went through it in our waterproof PVC rain ponchos that you sent us and we thank you very much for them. More later.

*God bless Ike and Lee from Ghana, W. Africa*

Greetings in the mighty name of Jesus,

I am Teddy from Eritrea. I hope you know something about Eritrea. It is a country where Christians are under severe persecution. The government in Eritrea is Communist and all Churches are legally abandoned and almost all pastors are in prison many have died for their faith and others are treated cruelly. The young generation is leading the people of God. I have been a victim of jail when I was just 18 because I was accused of gathering and teaching people the word of God. We are in search by the government but they can't catch us because God has hidden us from their eyes. I am Proud to serve the Lord in such a country.

We need your help, a friend told me that you would send us Bibles and Bible Study materials and Bible dictionary. These materials will be extremely helpful to our ministry. We can also use clothes and shoes. My shoes have many holes and my clothes have run out of color due to repeated washing. My shoe size is 40.

*May God bless you for all you do. Tedros from Asmara, Eritrea, E. Africa*

Dear Brother Ed Bousman,

Greetings in the name of our dear Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you very much for sending the lovely red Bible which I so much needed. I am doing just what II Timothy 2:15 says. Please pray for me and my family. God bless you for doing the wonderful job. Enclosed my answer sheets of 5 lessons please send the next ones. PRAISE THE LORD!

Dear Naomi, Thank you very much for the prompt reply. I forgot to mention in my last (above) mail that the article in the newsletter on the GREAT COMMISSION was wonderful. I and my husband are trying to prepare small sermons. We wish to partake in the spreading the good news, your newsletter is helpful. Please pray for us. Thank you once again.

*Yours in Christ Ruby A. from INDIA*

Thanks you for your wonderful work by spreading the gospel worldwide God will continue to multiply into you and your ministry, I convert to Christ from Muslim religion recently through your literature that I was reading and I need your assistance of one Holy Bible as a new convert to make me grow spiritually in the word of God. Our heavenly Father will continue multiply into you on your riches.

*God bless. Akins M. from NIGERIA*

Beloved Naomi and Ed Bousman,

Thanks be to God for your life. I am just back from Dakar, Senegal where I led our women in the Gambia to win the Bible quiz competition of the Churches Of Christ ladies of this sub region. Praise be to God Jehovah, Amen. Thanks for posting more used clothing to us. I will check

that up at the post and write back to you. Thanks so much for your wonderful assistance.

*Alexander O. The Gambia, Africa*

To Mr. & Mrs. Ed Bousman,

I have enjoyed the receipt of the Bible you sent me so much. I can feel that your ministry will be a great blessing for me and many others here in Arkansas Department of Correction. When I first received this book of scriptures I couldn't wait to get started learning and studying. I know that with God's help all things are possible. I will add you and your wife Naomi and your ministry to my prayers. I am just a sinner but I know that God answers prayers. Please keep up the good work that all of you do because you are a great hope and inspiration for everyone that is helped through you and the message of God's Word.

*God bless, James*

Dear Ed and Naomi Bousman,

We are Christians in Israel. We came from Eritrea and we mainly focused to preach the truth gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are here almost 30-40 Christians here in Israel come from Eritrea. WE came in different time from Eritrea to Israel. If you heard something in Eritrea,...it is very hard to worship God and to live as a Christian. All the Churches are closed, and many pastors and Christians sent to jail. This church is planted almost in these few months. So, we need help some advices and teaching materials for this new church.

Without official explanation, the Eritrean government has ordered the closure of all Christian churches that are not Orthodox, Roman Catholic, or Lutheran.

SIM (formerly Sudan Interior Mission), an evangelical Protestant organization active in Eritrea since the 1950s, received the announcement on May 21 via the U.S. Embassy in Eritrea. The news came as a surprise, since Eritrea's constitution mandates freedom of religion.

The WEA report says foreign Muslim groups may also be playing a part. The political and military situation is volatile. The influx of independent religious sects has increased tensions in the country, which borders the Red Sea.

We don't worry why it is going like this....as the word God says if we are the servant of Jesus it must happen persecutions and torture. But my concern is we would like to preach the gospel here in Israel in our language Eritrea and Ethiopea...we really need people to teach us and to help us. Right now we don't have a pastor...we are mostly on the same level of God's grace. So, I had a good attention with you when I was in Eritrea I did your GIJAPA Bible Studies and I got a certificate and here I also want to continue with you.....PLEASE, help us today to preach the truth word of God.

*AKG — Israel*

Dear Naomi and Ed,

Greetings from Kentucky and from Uganda, Africa. I'm glad to hear that Jehoshophat received the boxes that you sent. His son is glad to have your lessons on Studies in the Bible. He's the one who is a seminary student. The

more that those two learn about the church, the easier the work will be in Uganda.

*Because of the Lord, Barry (Note: Letter below from the preacher in Uganda.)*

Dear Brother Barry,

I greet you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. How is the family and the work of Evangelism, the church and all the brethren in the states? I trust God to keep you and guide you in all.

Dear brother, it is now two weeks since I received our parcel and that of our brother, Ed Bousman. He sent two parcels of reading materials and my son was very happy to receive such lessons which can help him enlarge his knowledge concerning with the New Testament Church. And he is anxious of knowing much of its doctrine.

Thank you very much for the parcel Ed sent with the Book of Acts with the additional of the clothing. We enjoyed very much of it and this book will help me much to teach people about the Acts of the Apostles.

I know everything is possible with God through prayers and fasting.

*Wish you well. Yours faithfully, Jehoshophat K. from Uganda, Africa*

Dear Ed and Naomi,

Christian greetings to you in the precious and mighty name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Master. I thank God for this ministry and for all He is doing through you. Thank you for your newsletter that I received today 16th June 2008. I have also seen your 50,000 watt stations every Sunday on shortwave radio. I have just bought a DAB/FM digital radio from Sainsbury Supermarket Ltd. And I listen to GIJAPA. Thank you again, Ed Bousman since many people are enjoying reading this GIJAPA (God Is Just A Prayer Away) newsletters as many people are returning to Adult literacy Class in Birmingham in this multi cultural diversity country. God bless and I shall write again.

*Okello from Birmingham, England*

## WE NEED BIBLES

Considering these tough economic times that we all are experiencing from the pumps to the store; you have been very generous in helping GIJAPA to stay on the airwaves. May God bless you richly for your help. We have received over 1,000 requests for Bibles. Each Bibles cost \$4.87. Can you help buy one? Two? Or Ten? Every Bible will make a difference in someone's life - together let's make a difference. II Timothy 2:15.

## THANKS VBS GIFTS

Thanks to East Point Church of Christ in Hager Hills, KY for choosing GIJAPA one night of their VBS to support. They raised over \$130.00 These funds will go to purchase Bibles and to ship them to Africa to those that have no Bibles.



Dear Ed and Naomi,

We were astonished. The 21 kids (pictured above) from Keystone Christian Church in Export, PA VBS brought in over \$1000.00 for Bibles! (I think a few adults pitched in). We plan to start collecting summer clothes soon (particularly in the fall). The Church's Evangelist is Jason Carnley; and wife Jean Ann.



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