

These messages notes are raw and unedited. They were designed to jog my memory. So I'm sure there are plenty of spelling/formatting/grammatical errors. My hope is that you might find them useful in personal study, or helping you remember what has been taught.

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➔ **ARMED & DANGEROUS**

- Why do people need to be armed?
- Who are we at war with? Who are we fighting?

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Ephesians 6:10-12

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

- we aren't fighting an earthy battle, we'll lose if we don't use spiritual weapons.

★ **Breastplate of Righteousness**

- What do we know about righteousness?
- Are we righteous?
- Where does our righteousness come from? Our good deeds?

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Isaiah 65:6

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

2 Corinthians 5:17&21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!
God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

God has brought us back to Him, through Jesus' work on the cross. Having faith in Jesus is the only way we can be righteous.

A major part of the armor that God has equipped us with is His righteousness. In our war against the enemy, we no longer have to strive to be good in ourselves if we have put on Christ's Righteousness

Romans 8:1

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

★ Helmet of Salvation

- How important is your head?
- Going into battle you need to protect it, just like in a spiritual battle you need to protect your mind.

1 Thessalonians 5:8

... Put on as a helmet the hope of salvation

- What is hope?
- I hope it doesn't rain today. Negative connotation. Not the way the Bible uses the word.

1 Corinthians 13:13

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Psalm 25:3-5

No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

4 Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths;

5 guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Hebrews 6:19

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.