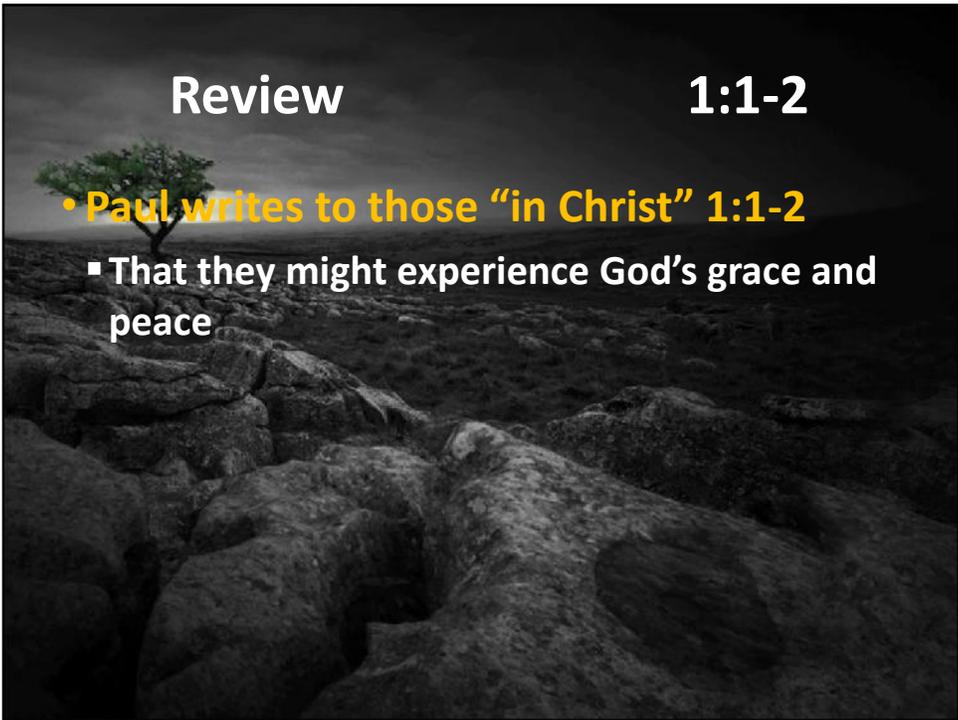




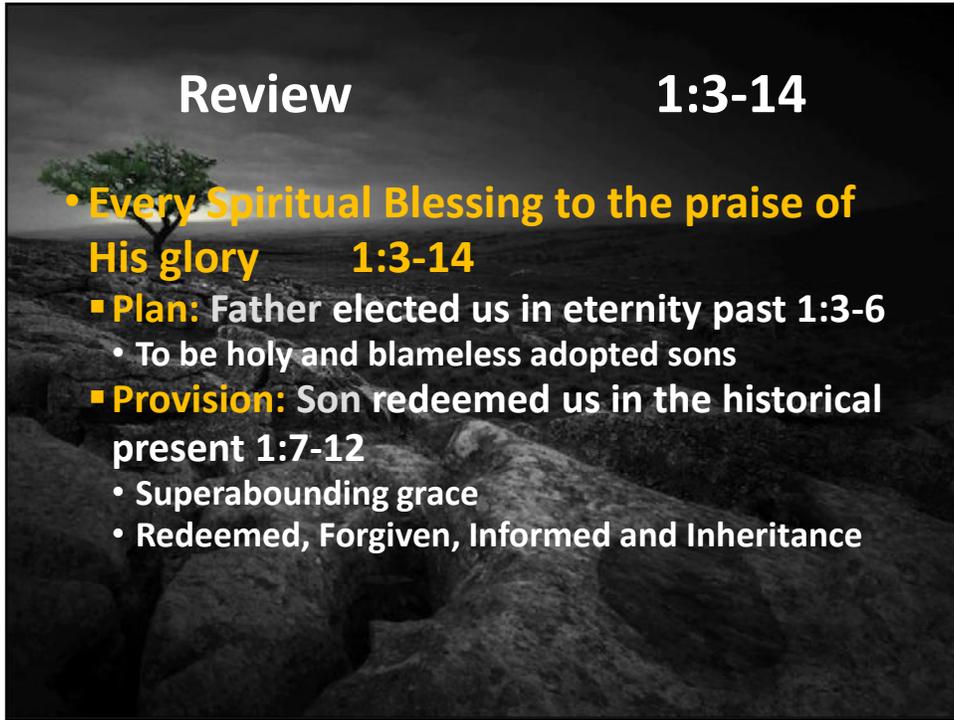
Question

- **What do you value most:**
 - Being right or being at peace?
 - Maintaining harmony or maintaining purity?



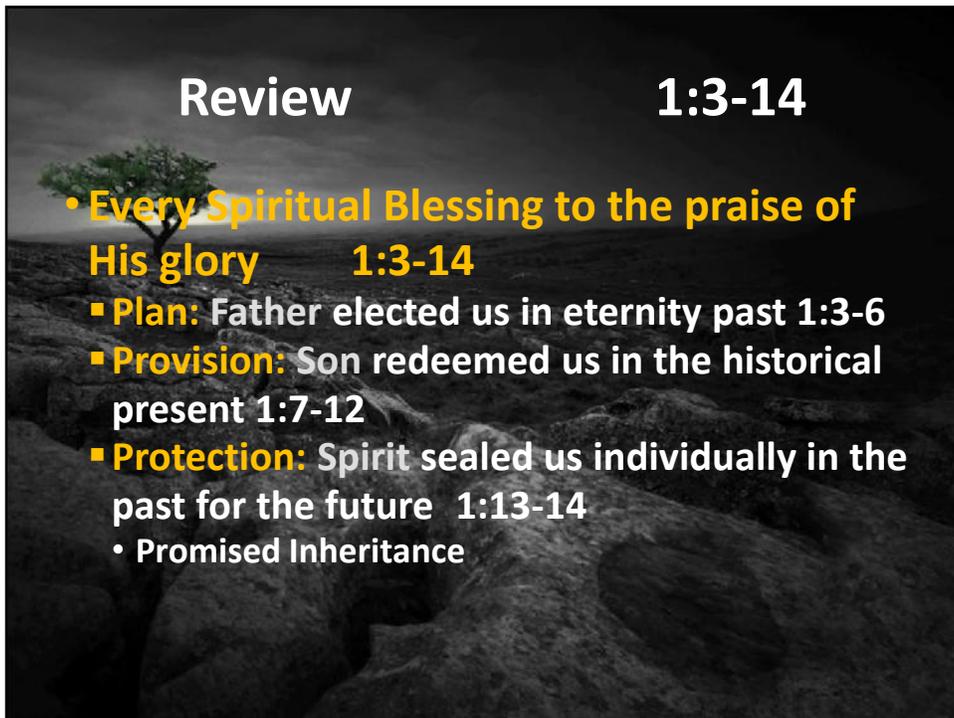
Review **1:1-2**

- **Paul writes to those “in Christ” 1:1-2**
 - That they might experience God’s grace and peace



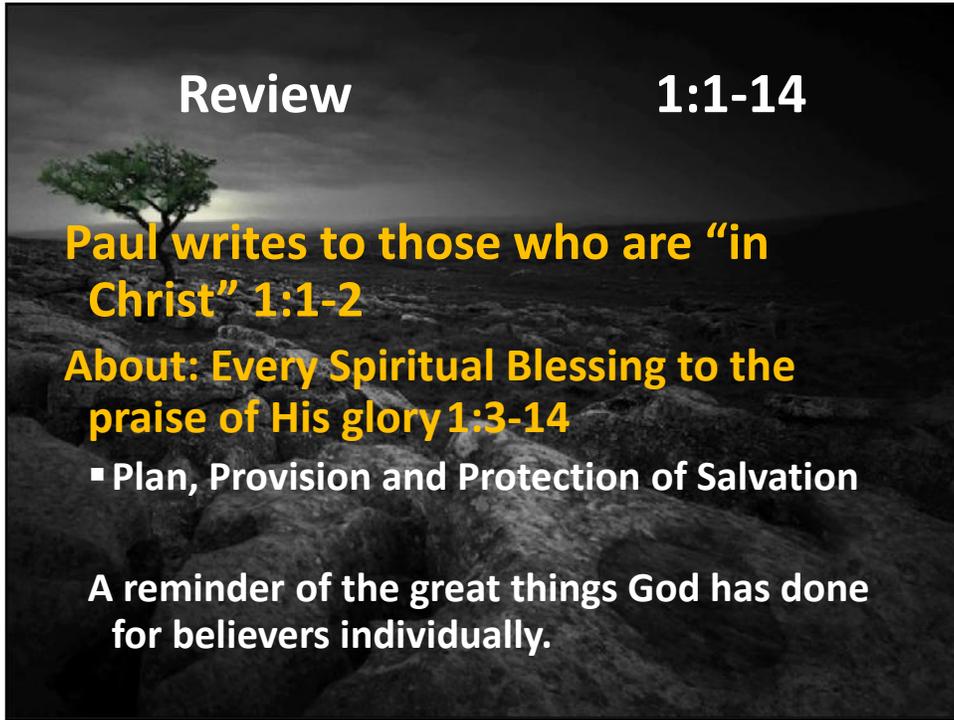
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- **Every Spiritual Blessing to the praise of His glory 1:3-14**
 - **Plan:** Father elected us in eternity past 1:3-6
 - To be holy and blameless adopted sons
 - **Provision:** Son redeemed us in the historical present 1:7-12
 - Superabounding grace
 - Redeemed, Forgiven, Informed and Inheritance



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 - **Protection:** Spirit sealed us individually in the past for the future 1:13-14
 - Promised Inheritance



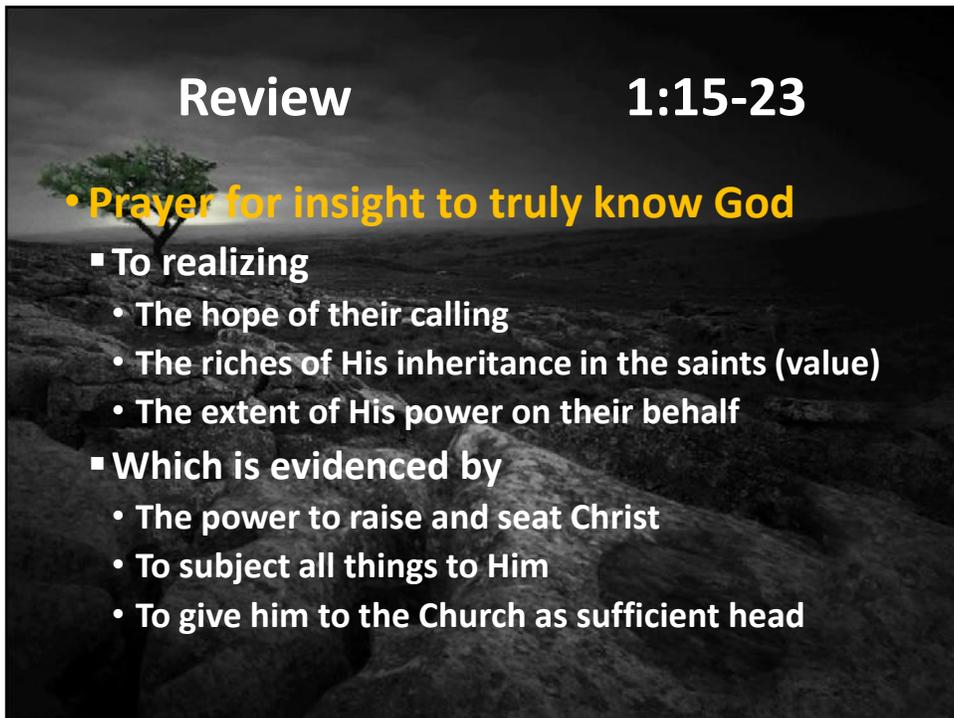
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About: Every Spiritual Blessing to the praise of His glory 1:3-14

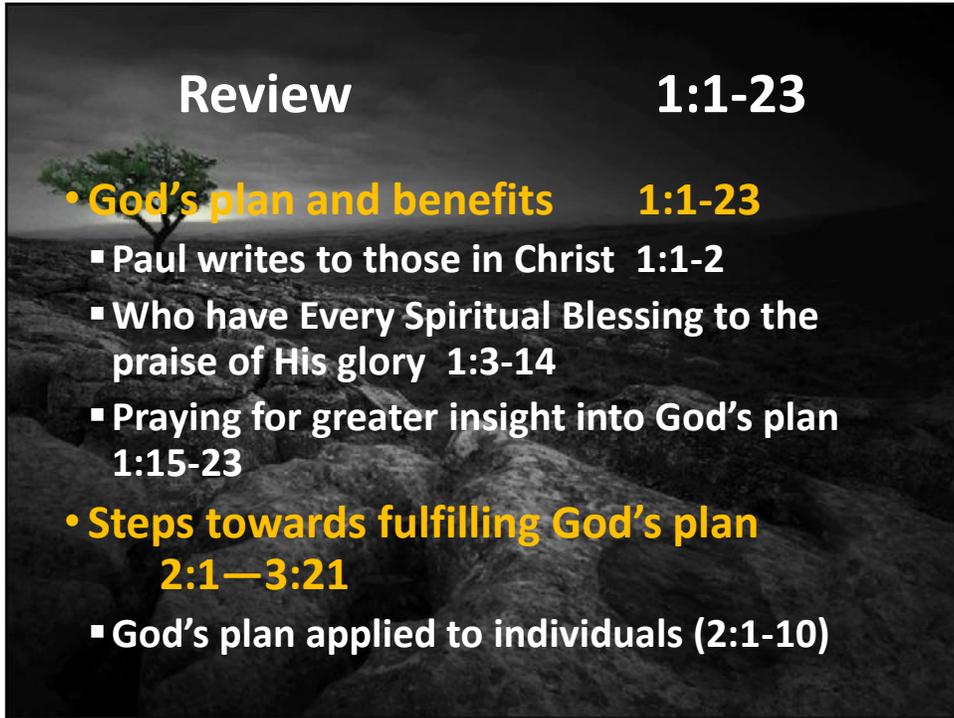
- Plan, Provision and Protection of Salvation

A reminder of the great things God has done for believers individually.



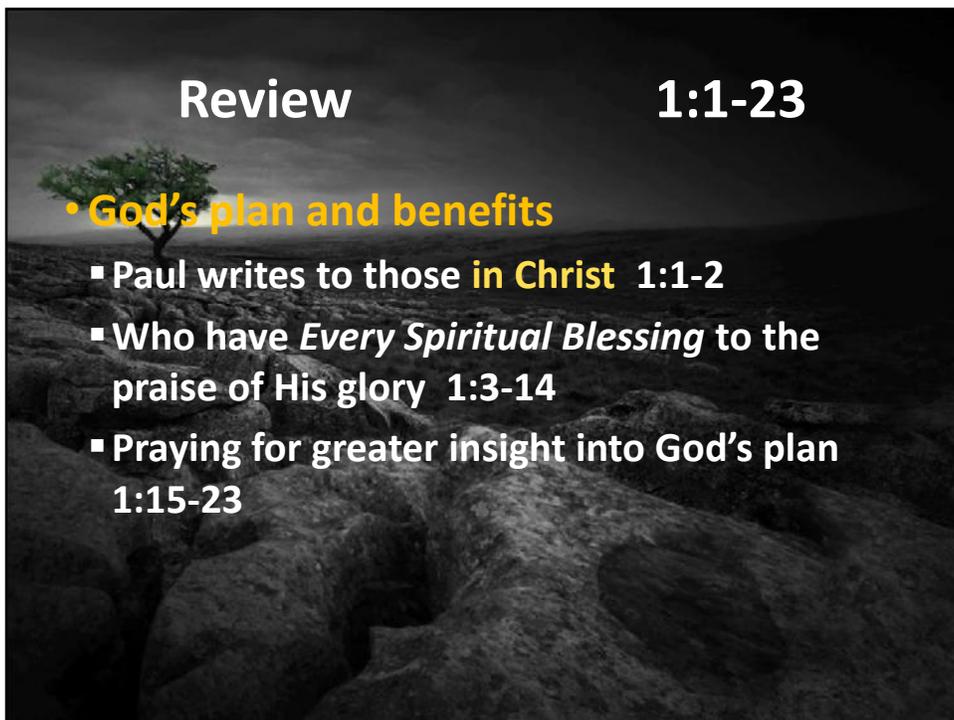
Review **1:15-23**

- **Prayer for insight to truly know God**
 - To realizing
 - The hope of their calling
 - The riches of His inheritance in the saints (value)
 - The extent of His power on their behalf
 - Which is evidenced by
 - The power to raise and seat Christ
 - To subject all things to Him
 - To give him to the Church as sufficient head



Review **1:1-23**

- **God's plan and benefits** **1:1-23**
 - Paul writes to those in Christ 1:1-2
 - Who have Every Spiritual Blessing to the praise of His glory 1:3-14
 - Praying for greater insight into God's plan 1:15-23
- **Steps towards fulfilling God's plan** **2:1—3:21**
 - God's plan applied to individuals (2:1-10)



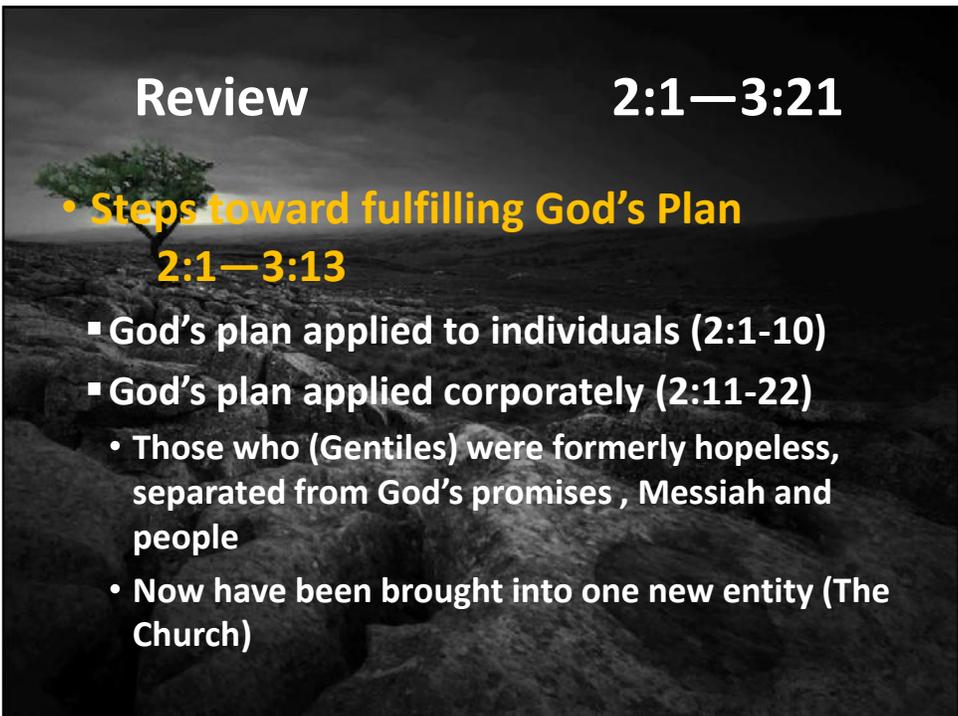
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Review **2:1—3:21**

- **Steps towards fulfilling God's plan 2:1—3:21**
 - **God's plan applied to individuals (2:1-10)**
 - Everyman's condition apart from God 2:1-3
 - "But God"
 - Rich in mercy
 - Based on His grace provided a relationship with Him
 - Obtained through faith
 - For the purpose of revealing God's grace through actions



Review **2:1—3:21**

- **Steps toward fulfilling God's Plan 2:1—3:13**
 - **God's plan applied to individuals (2:1-10)**
 - **God's plan applied corporately (2:11-22)**
 - Those who (Gentiles) were formerly hopeless, separated from God's promises, Messiah and people
 - Now have been brought into one new entity (The Church)

Review

2:1—3:21

- **Steps toward fulfilling God's Plan 2:1—3:13**
 - God's plan applied to individuals (2:1-10)
 - God's plan applied corporately (2:11-22)
 - Expanding on the mystery: corporate identity (3:1-13)
 - Prayer for the Ephesians to know and experience Christ's love and experience maturity filled by God 3:14-19
 - The impossibly big prayer for intimacy and to be total consumed with God
 - Doxology: Praise to God for His superabounding 3:20-21

Context: Big Picture

- **4:1-16 is foundational for what is taught in 4:17—6:20.**
 - Having talked about Christ's love—now the called to love and unity based in Holiness.
- **4:17-24 Because of our new position (24b) and commands to put off the old self and put the new**
 - which is being created in righteousness and holiness of truth
 - Paul proceeds to demonstrate what this will look like both individually and corporately.
- **4:25-6:20 is the commentary on 4:17-24**
 - 4:17, contrasts the old life with the new without particulars, but warns against what "deceitful desires" (v. 22) may produce.
 - "Therefore" (*dio*) in v. 25 makes the connection between principle and practice.

Review: The Proper Conduct of the Church 4:1–6:9

- **Walk in Unity 4:1-16**
 - Basis for Unity 4:1-6
 - Enablement for unity 4:7-16
- **Walk in Holiness 4:17-32**
 - The Changed Life—Purity 4:17-24
 - The Changed Life—Speech 4:25-32
- **Walk in love and light 5:1-14**
- **Walk in Wisdom 5:15-6:9**
 - Wise worship 5:15-21

Review: The Proper Conduct of the Church 4:1–6:9

- **The filling of the Spirit enables walking wisely in home and work relationships 5:22—6:9**
 - Wives are commanded to submit/respect 5:22-24
 - Husbands are commanded to Love 5:25-33
 - Children are commanded to obey their parent and honor them 6:1-4
 - Fathers are commanded to replace provocation with proactive upbringing 6:5
 - Slaves are commanded to be obedient, serving as to the Lord first 6:6-8
 - Masters are commanded to replace threats with understanding who their ultimate Master is 6:9

Review/Preview

- The New Christian 4:17—5:21**
- **The new Christian Mind 4:17-24**
 - Our thinking must be different
- **The new Christian speech 4:25-32**
 - Our talking must be different
- **The new Christian motivation 5:1-6**
 - Our impulses must be different
- **The new Christian lifestyle 5:7-14**
 - Our fellowship must be different
- **The new Christian worship 5:15-21**
 - Our time must be different

Context / Overview

- **Final Section**
 - Summary of the whole book
 - Challenge to live out the truths
 - Living in light of cosmic perspective
- **Ephesians three key positions**
 - Sit (Seated in the heavenlies with Christ)
 - Walk (Walk in a manor worthy, in the Spirit)
 - Stand (Stand against the devil's schemes)

Structure

- Notice commands
- 3 key commands provide structure
 - “be strong” 6:10
 - “put on the whole armor of God” 6:11 (13)
 - “stand” 6:14

Overview

- Having read this passage
 - What are your key observations?

The Battle 6:10-13

- **Key thought**
 - Be strong in the Lord
 - Realize you are in a battle
- What are we to do?
- **Call to be strong 6:10**
 - “Be strengthened” or “be made strong”

The Battle 6:10-13

- How are we to stand strong?
- **Call to put on the armor in light of the enemy 6:11-13**
 - Key word: “be able” 6:11, 13, 16
 - The presence and exercise of sufficient power—all we need
- Why are we to put on the armor?
 - **Stand against the devil’s schemes**

Ephesians 6:10-13

- **Observations: about standing against the devil's schemes**
 - The devil is a person not a force
 - “schemes” indicates intelligence and planning
 - Schemes, carry the notion of attacks that are constantly repeated and have an incalculable variety.
 - The devil is powerful, but his power is limited by God (Job 1)
 - The devil's purpose is self-exaltation, to replace God, to be autonomous (Isaiah 14) “I will be like God”
 - The devil has a strategy—Blind the eyes of the unsaved (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)

Ephesians 6:10-13

- **Observations: about standing against the devil's schemes**
 - The devil is a person not a force
 - The devil's schemes
 - Truth battle
 - Accuser of believers Revelation 12:10
 - Attacker (hinder work) 1 Thessalonians 2:18
 - Asider

The Armor 6:14-17

- How do we win the battle?
- **The Command 6:14a**
 - Stand firm
- **The Supply: Armor 6:14b-16**
 - Put the whole armor on and stand



The Armor 6:14-17

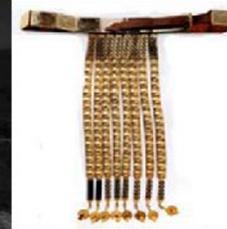
- **Question**
 - Do the pieces of the armor represent gifts from God or our obedience to God?
 - Each element of the armor will point out a reality about God which determines human actions.



The Armor 6:14-17

- **Belt of truth 6:13-14**

- Foundational part of the armor
- Truth is our foundation—live it



- **Breastplate of righteousness**

- To protect the vital organs
- The righteousness we have from Christ is our protection we are to reflect (live) it



The Armor 6:14-17

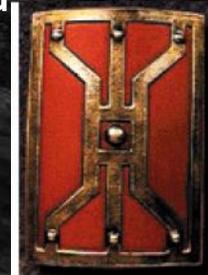
- **Shoes of the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace 6:15**

- Readiness
- Truth is our foundation—but it must be actively shared and lived



- **Shield of Faith 6:16**

- Used to deflect arrows, spears, and swords
- Exercise of faith (trusting God)



The Armor 6:14-17

- **Truth, righteousness, readiness and faith**
 - All seem to emphasize a human response to God's saving work



The Armor 6:14-17

- **Helmet of Salvation 6:17**
 - Protection and provided a striking symbol of military victory
 - The hope and security of salvation
- **Sword of the Spirit, the word of God 6:17-18**
 - Short, for close hand-to-hand combat
 - The Word is the ultimate defense



The Need: Be alert and Pray 6:18-20

- **Prayer is the climax of the armor**
 - Constant surrender to God
 - Intercession for each other
- **Prayer to do what we are supposed to do, even in the face of opposition**

Application

- **When it comes to temptation, we want to stand and fight.**
 - But we must flee
- **When it comes to warfare, we tend to run.**
 - We give in to fear—what will they think of me if I tell them I am a Christian?
 - But we must stand firm

