

EPHESIANS

TRANSFORMED BY GRACE, EMPOWERED BY PEACE

STUDY 20

The Gospel and Spiritual Warfare 2

Ephesians 6:10-20



Living and working out spiritual
transformation in the church

EPHESIANS 6

1. Family and Work v1-9

2. Spiritual Warfare v 10-20



ARMOR IS THE BENEFITS OF THE GOSPEL

You cannot
manufacture your
own armor

IF THE SEED IS GENUINE THEN THERE IS FRUIT

Gods righteousness



Our expression of Gods righteousness



Spiritual warfare is the struggle of expression what is implanted

EACH ONE POINTS TO A REALITY ABOUT GOD THAT DETERMINES HUMAN ACTION.

Gift of God

Practice-transformation

GODS TRUTH

Our integrity...right living



GODS TRUTH

To belt on truth means to be **strengthened by God's truth** in the gospel and to **resolve to live truth.**

We are appropriating the entailments of what God has given us



War

Elections

Reform

Racism

**CONSTANTLY THINKING
SEEING LIFE THROUGH THE
LENS OF THE TRUTH**

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VARIATION

1 Thessalonians 5:8 (ESV) But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

BREAST PLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Isaiah 59:17 (ESV) He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.

Reflect the righteous character of God in their actions.




**THE
RIGHTEOUSNESS
OF CHRIST
COVERS HEART**

Our chest

Ethical righteousness
We try to fit in to the
breast plate

If we don't fit in to it
we will get shot

A close-up, black and white photograph of a hand with the index finger pointing towards the right. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with the background being dark and out of focus.

Hebrew name ('Satan')-'adversary'
Greek (diabolos, 'devil')'slanderer'

- What right do you have to call yourself a Christian
- How dare you pray when you sin like that

WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT SATAN **IS THE ACCUSER?**

- The more godly you get the less godly you will feel
- Compare you with others

PUTTING ON THE BREAST PLATE

Our ethical
righteousness

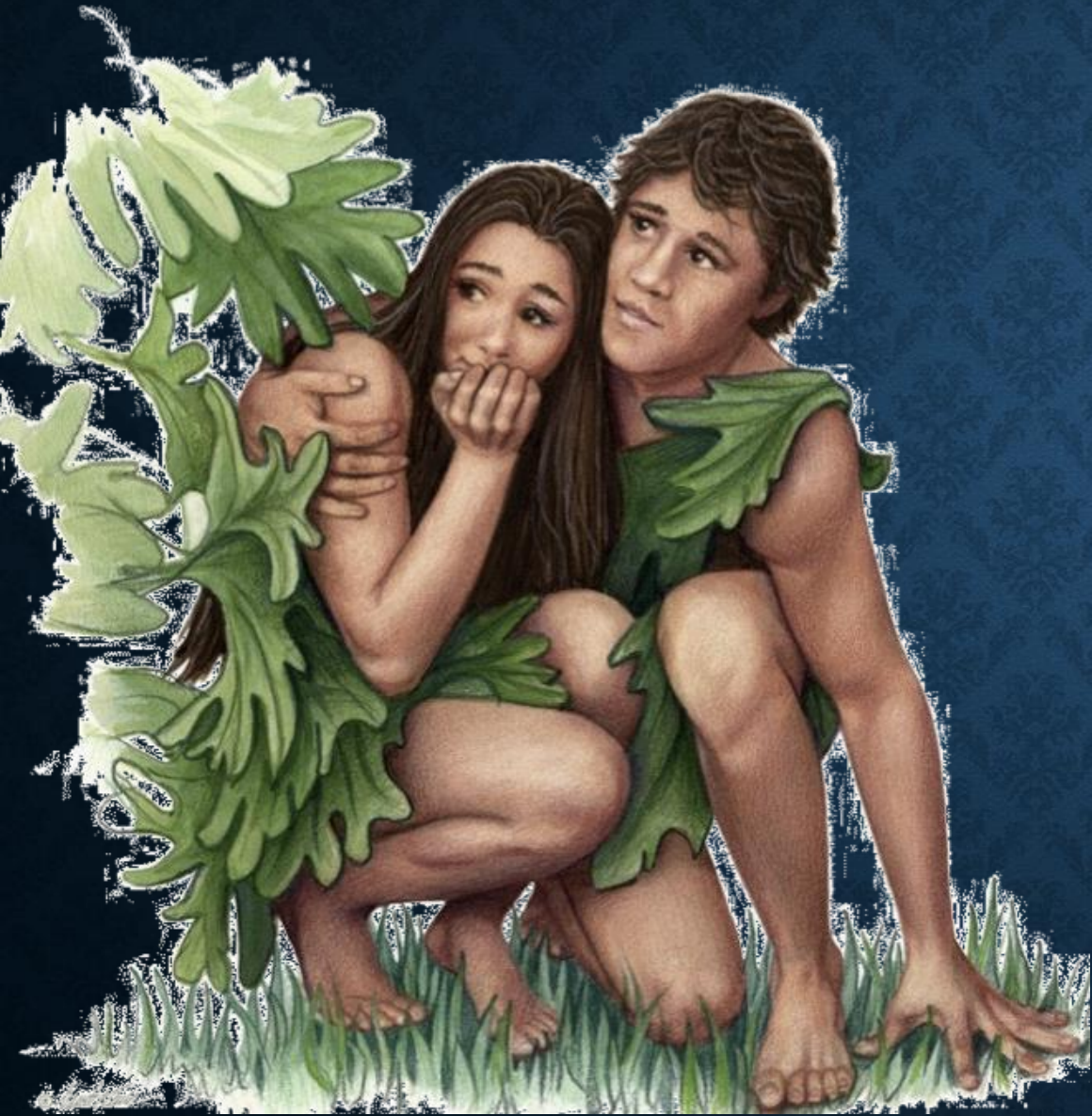
JESUS
RIGHTEOUSNESS



GODS
RIGHTEOUSNESS

CONCEPT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

- Righteous – to be found pleasing to the one I want to please ..to be presentable
- It is a relational term
- Pleasing to the one you want to please



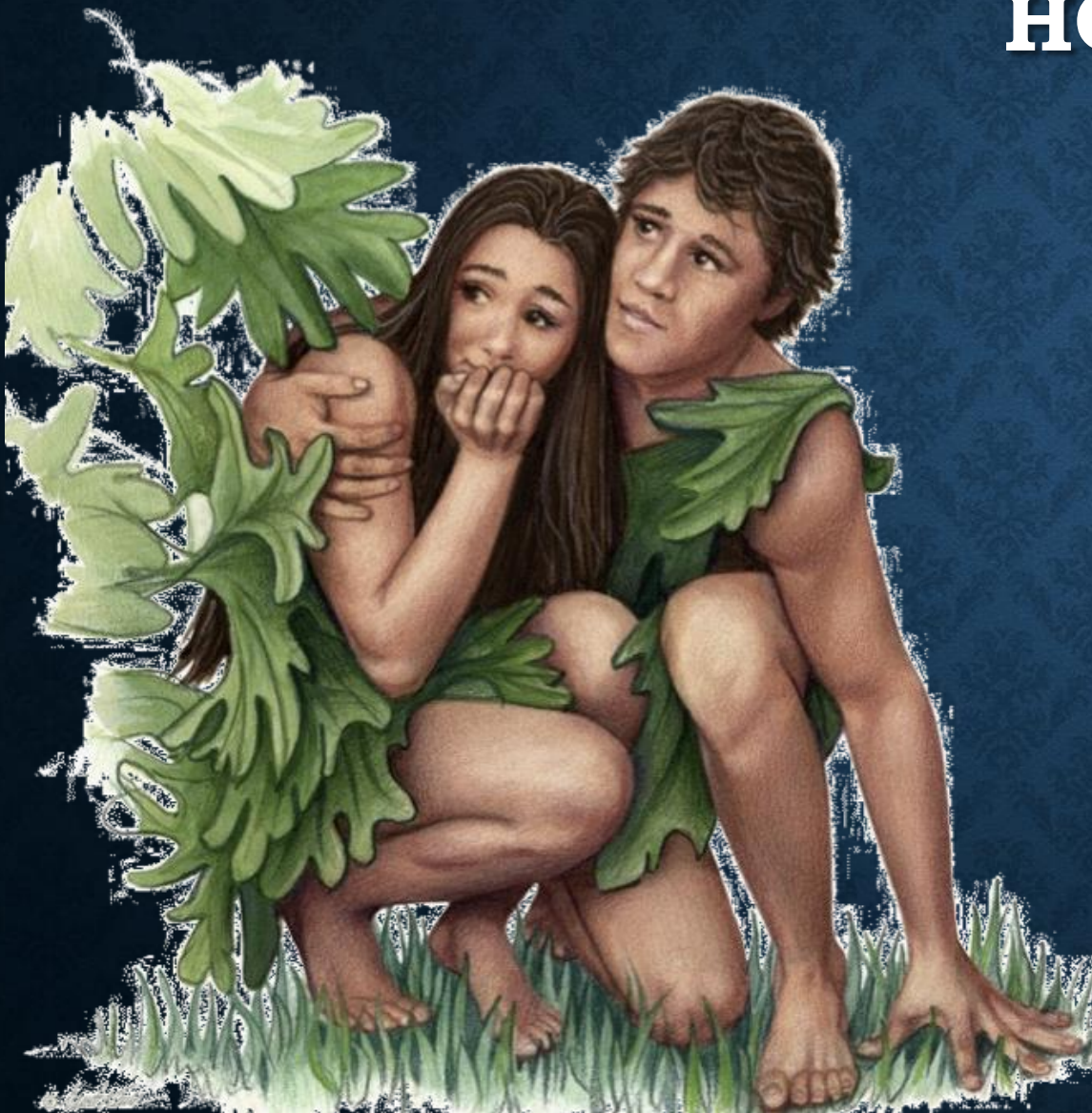
EFFECTS OF SIN

- Shame : Realise they weren't presentable
- We repress it ...Romans 1:18 (ESV) For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness **suppress** the truth.
- Unconscious sense of being unacceptable
- Put their own patch..to say I am acceptable we are all radically insecure

WANT TO BE PRESENTABLE



HOME MADE FIG LEAVES— OWN BREAST PLATE



- Secular ways
- Power
- Comfort
- Control
- Each one diff type of honor
- I only have significance if people loves me
does not matter if I have no power
- The one who has power does not mind if
not loved

Spirit will convict

Therefore Christ
died for your sins
God wants you
back go to Him

Satan will accuse and
condemn

Therefore ..God will
not have anything to do
with you ...leave Him

This is SIN

YOU ARE DEPRESSED



DID NOT PUT ON BREAST PLATE

DEALING WITH IT

- Legalist ---- you are unworthy and God will not want to forgive your sin implies what Christ has done not enough...does not matter
- Psychologising person ..You need to see God loves you as you are...fine the way you are...What Christ has done does not matter
- Some one else's eyes more important to you than God's, society or our friends or parents or my own opinion matters more...depressed.

THANK THE



LORD

GOSPEL WAY

Yes I am a sinner, I have sinned
in more ways that you know
...but ..Christ has paid for my
sin and wants me with Him all
the time

In His eyes I am acceptable and
that is the only standard I need

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SHOES ---READINESS FROM THE GOSPEL OF PEACE



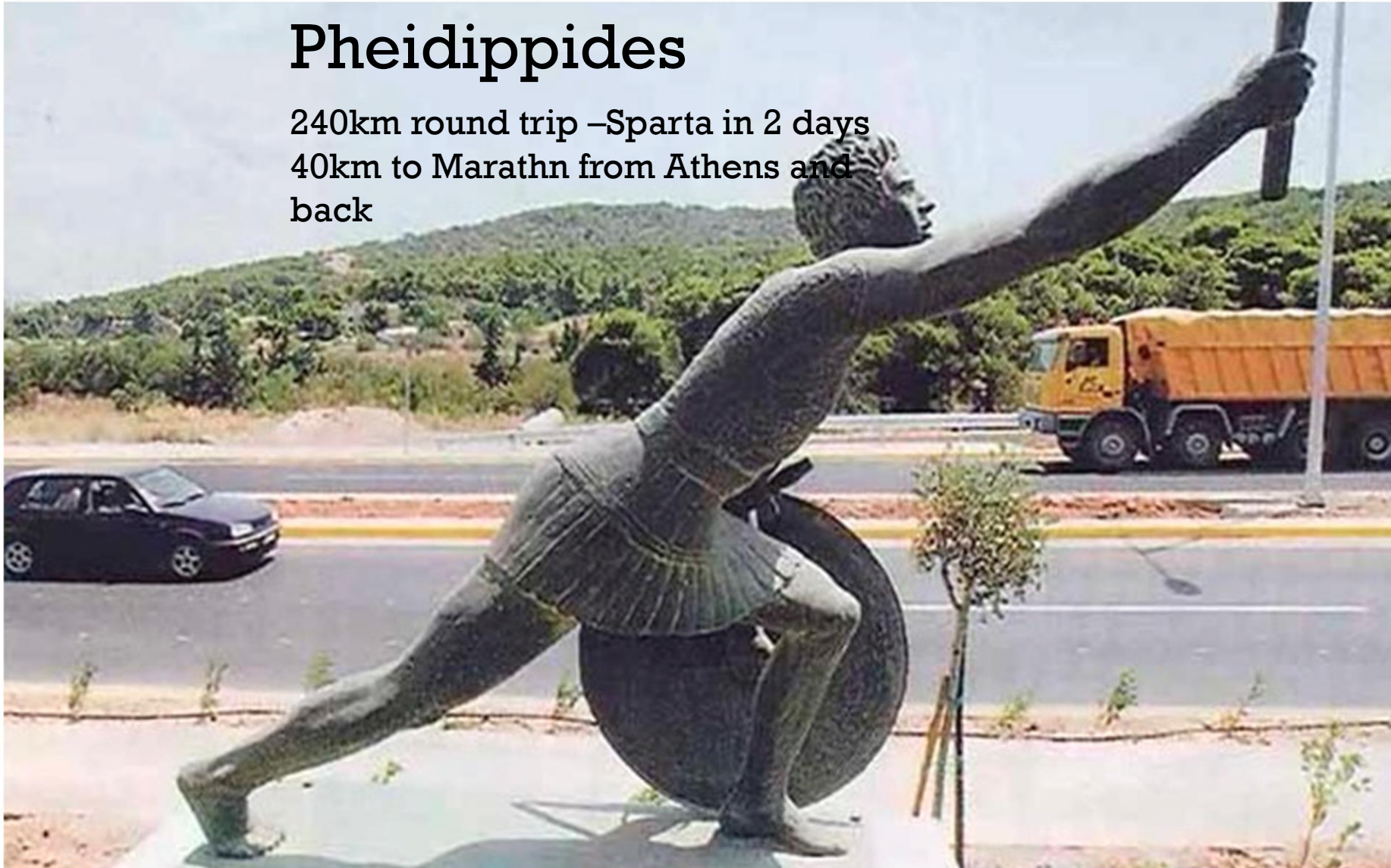
- Traction
- Tough ...to prevent spikes
- Light....mobility important

OFFENSIVE WEAPON: THE GOSPEL

Isaiah 57:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation,

Pheidippides

240km round trip –Sparta in 2 days
40km to Marathn from Athens and
back





READINESS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

Orientation in life
Speech
Time
How they live

A knight in full plate armor, including a helmet with a visor, is shown in a dynamic pose. He is holding a large, blue and gold shield high above his head with his right hand. The shield is being struck by a bright lightning bolt, causing sparks and flames to erupt from its surface. The background is a dark, stormy sky with heavy rain falling diagonally across the frame. Several arrows are visible in the air, some appearing to be in motion. The overall scene is dramatic and intense, suggesting a moment of divine intervention or a powerful act of faith.

SHIELD OF FAITH

The faithfulness of God

Our relationship with God



Doubt
Fear
Despair,
Persecution
False teaching
Overconfidence

TAKE UP THE
SHIELD OF FAITH,
WITH WHICH
YOU WILL BE
ABLE TO QUENCH

HELMET WHICH IS SALVATION



- Helmet of victory
- God's salvation is the ultimate assurance of protection
- Spiritual buoyancy
- Life events don't wear you down
- Not our performance but His promise

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- Assurance goes so far to set the child of God free from all sorts of painful bondage. It enables him to feel that the great business of life is a settled business, the great debt a paid debt, the great disease a healed disease, and the great work a finished work and all other businesses, diseases and debts and works are then by comparison, small.

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In this way assurance makes him patient in tribulation, calm under bereavement, unmoved in sorrow, not afraid of evil tidings, in every condition content for it gives him a fixedness of heart, it makes him always feel as if he has always something solid beneath his feet and something firm under his hands , a sure friend by the way and a sure home at the end



Paul uses “Rhema” instead of Logos
Spoken word -gospel;

Actual speaking forth of the message, which is given its
penetration and power by the Spirit.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Isaiah 11:4 (ESV) but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

A group of young people are sitting in a circle on the floor in a dorm room. They are holding books and appear to be engaged in a study or discussion session. The room has a window in the background showing trees outside. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.


**GOSPEL EMPOWERED BY
THE SPIRIT
NOT ONLY SAVES BUT TRANSFORMS LIVES**



PRAYER

Ephesians 6:18 (ESV) praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

A life of dependence on God in prayer is essential if they are to engage successfully in their warfare with the powers of darkness.

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- A man wearing a dark hooded jacket and glasses is standing on a balcony at night, looking through binoculars. The balcony has a metal railing and a small lantern. In the background, a city is illuminated with lights, and a body of water is visible in the distance. The scene is set against a dark night sky.
- Renounce spiritual sleep of darkness
 - Live in constant expectation of His return
 - Over come fatigue , discouragement or complacency

Ephesians 6:19-20 (ESV) and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

THERE IS NO CHOICE

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BATTLE OF RORKES DRIFT

22-23 JAN 1879

No where to run

150 British and Imperial troops vs 3000 Zulu warriors

Colossians 2:15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.