

God Gave Us Armor Part 1: Truth

—God at War, Week 12—

Ephesians 6:10-14a (NIV)

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II. Wear Truth by _____ and _____ Your _____ in Christ

- Satan is a liar and an accuser and his primary tool against us is getting us to believe lies. (John 8:44; Revelation 12:9-10)
- Therefore in order to stand against the Devil and his lies, we must know and believe the truth about who we are in Christ. (Ephesians 4:20-24)
- One effective way of doing this is by reading out loud the list of our identity in Christ. (See back of outline)

III. Wear Truth by _____ and Being Quick to _____

- By speaking truthfully, we resist doing the work of Satan for him. (Matt. 16:23; 2 Tim. 2:26)
- By being honest about our sin and quick to confess it, we leave no ground for Satan to have a foothold in our lives. (Eph. 4:25-26)

The Bottom Line

Put on _____ to _____ the _____

...by being confident of your new identity in Christ

...by speaking truthfully and being honest about your sin, quickly repenting from it.

My Identity in Christ

(Adapted from Neil T. Anderson, *The Steps to Freedom in Christ*)

In Christ I Am Accepted

I am complete in Christ (Col 2:10)
 I am a saint, a holy one (Eph 1:11)
 I am God's child (John 1:12)
 I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
 I am a member of Christ's body (1 Cor 12:27)
 I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)
 I have been justified, declared righteous (Rom 5:1)
 I have been clothed with Christ in baptism (Gal 3:27)
 I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins (Col 1:14)
 I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph 2:18)
 I have been bought with a price; I belong to God (1 Cor 6:19-20)
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 I am a participant in the new creation of the age to come (2 Cor 5:17)
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In Christ I Am Secure

I am a citizen of heaven (Phil 3:20)
 I am hidden with Christ in God (Col 3:3)
 I am free from condemnation (Rom 8:1-2)
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 I have been established, anointed, and sealed by God (2 Cor 1:21-22)
 I am assured that all things work together for my good (Rom 8:28)
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In Christ I Am Significant

I am the temple of God (1 Cor 3:16)
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 I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor 5:17-21)
 I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realm (Eph 2:6)
 I am God's workmanship, created for good works (Eph 2:10)
 I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph 3:12)
 I am a personal, Spirit-empowered witness of Christ (Acts 1:8)
 I am the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matt 5:13-14)
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