

FULLY CLOTHED IN THE ARMOR OF GOD



HELMET OF SALVATION

"Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

EPHESIANS 6:17

Protects your mind with the hope of eternal life in Christ.

BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

"...with the breastplate of righteousness in place."

EPHESIANS 6:14

Guards your heart with God's righteousness.

BELT OF TRUTH

"Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist."

EPHESIANS 6:14

Secures you with God's truth.

SHIELD OF FAITH

"...with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one."

EPHESIANS 6:16

Quenches the lies and attacks of the enemy.

SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

"Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

EPHESIANS 6:17

The Word of God is your weapon for offense and defense.

SHOES OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

"...and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace."

EPHESIANS 6:15

Gives you stability and readiness to share the Good News.

STAND FIRM. BE STRONG. FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT.

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

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*An Apostolic-Pentecostal Guide to
Putting on the Lord Jesus Christ
Through the Acts 2:38 Experience*

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Dedication to the Apostolic Pentecostal Fivefold Ministry

Apostles, Prophets, Evangelist, Pastors, Teachers, and every saint in the local Apostolic Pentecostal church who long to be fully clothed in the Lord Jesus Christ through the Acts 2:38 birth of water and spirit (John 1:12-13, John 3:3-8, Mark 16:16-17, Luke 24:47-49, Acts 1:4-8, Acts 2:1-38;39, Acts 10:6-48, Acts 11:14-17, Acts 19:1-6, Acts 22:16, Romans 6:1-23, Romans 8:9-27, Galatian 2:20-22, Galatians 3:13-27, Galatians 4:4-7). The Bible is clear. Bible salvation is found in Acts 2:38; read and obey it. May this book strengthen your conviction, equip your ministry, and deepen your walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Preface

Romans 13:14 commands the believer to “put on the Lord Jesus Christ.” From an Apostolic-Pentecostal perspective this is not merely ethical exhortation; it is the New Testament reality enacted in the full gospel pattern recorded in the book of Acts. Acts 2:38 is essential for Bible salvation; repentance, water baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:21, Acts 2:38-39; 41-42, Acts 8:12-17), and the baptism in the Holy Ghost with the

initial, outward sign of speaking in other tongues (Acts 2:38; 10:44–46; 19:1–6). This book is written to local Apostolic Pentecostal churches. To those seeking the truth, saints who desire biblical depth and practical direction for wearing the armor of God. The Lord Jesus Christ himself clothes the believer by the Spirit baptism with the evidence of speaking in tongues and water baptism in Jesus Name for the remission of sins.

This book will:

- Explain the Apostles Doctrine the foundation for “putting on The Lord Jesus Christ.” and also We are to everything in his name - Colossians 3.17
- Unpack Ephesians 6:10–18 piece by piece in Greek and English.
- Tie each piece of the armor to the Acts 2:38 experience and related Ephesian texts (Eph. 1–3).
- Give practical guidance for baptism services, Holy Ghost services, discipleship, and daily life.
- Provide prayers, liturgies, and study questions for groups and individuals.

Introduction: The Gospel that Clothes

The New Testament pictures salvation not only as

justification or forgiveness but as being placed into the person of the Lord Jesus. Galatians 3:27, “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ,” makes the connection plain: baptism into Christ means “putting on” Christ. Romans 6 explicates how baptism identifies us with Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection—so that we “walk in newness of life.” Ephesians teaches that the Christian life is lived by the Spirit and that God’s wisdom and power are displayed through the church (Eph. 3:10–21). The armor of God (Eph. 6:10–18) are not independent virtues we manufacture; they are the effects and instruments of Christ’s presence in us by the Spirit.

The Acts 2:38 experience—repentance, water baptism in Jesus’ name for remission of sins, and receiving the baptism in the Holy Ghost—brings the believer into the practical, experiential reality of Romans 13:14 and Galatians 3:27. This book will argue, explain, and equip believers to understand how each piece of the armor is Christ-given, Spirit-activated, and witnessed by the sign of speaking with other tongues as taught in Apostolic-Pentecostal tradition.

Chapter 1

The Biblical and Theological Foundation

1. Romans 13:14 — Put on the Lord Jesus Christ

- The apostle Paul’s command calls for believers to clothe themselves in Christ as one would put on a garment. This is not inward effort alone but the application of Christ’s person and work.

2. Galatians 3:27 and Romans 6 — Baptized into Christ

- Baptism symbolizes union with Christ. To be baptized into Christ is to be identified with His death and resurrection and to be “clothed” with the life of Christ.

3. Acts 2:38 and the Acts pattern

- Peter’s call to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost is presented as the New Testament plan. Acts 10 and Acts 19 show that the Holy Ghost accompanied believers with evidence—speaking in tongues—confirming this baptism.

4. Ephesians 1–3 — Sealed, Strengthened, and Equipped

- Ephesians makes clear that believers are chosen, sealed by the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13), strengthened in

the inner man (Eph. 3:16), and called to display God's manifold wisdom (Eph. 3:10). The armor of God (Eph. 6) flows out of this cosmic, Spirit-filled reality.

5. Apostolic conviction on tongues

- In Apostolic-Pentecostal conviction, the baptism in the Holy Ghost is normative for the believer's empowerment and subsequent witness. The initial physical evidence of that baptism is speaking in other tongues. This is the experiential seal of being born of the Spirit (John 3:3–8; Acts 2:4; Acts 10:46; Acts 19:6).

Chapter 2

How to Read Ephesians 6: A Word on Metaphor and Reality

Ephesians 6:10–18 uses military imagery to convey spiritual realities. The ancient warrior's belt, breastplate, shoes, shield, helmet, and sword become metaphors showing how believers are protected and armed in spiritual conflict. The Apostolic reading goes further: each article is not only a metaphor but is Christ-received and Spirit-activated in the believer who has obeyed the Acts 2:38 plan.

For each piece we will give:

- The Greek phrase, transliteration, and literal meaning.
- The lexical sense of the key word(s).
- A metaphorical explanation from an Apostolic-Pentecostal viewpoint.
- How the Acts 2:38 experience brings that piece into the life.
- Practical steps for the local church and the individual believer.

Chapter 3 The Belt of Truth

Greek phrase: περιζωσάμενοι τὰς ὀσφύας ὑμῶν ἐν ἀληθείᾳ

Transliteration: periz saménoi tas osphyas humon en al theia

Key word: ἀλήθεια (alētheia) — truth, reality, unveiled revelation.

Metaphor and Insight

The belt secures and defines the soldier's garments; truth secures all other elements of spiritual life.

Truth in the Apostolic understanding is the revelation of Christ—His name, His lordship, His way of salvation (Acts 2:38). Truth is confessed, taught, and lived.

Acts 2:38 Connection

Repentance opens the heart to receive truth; baptism in Jesus' name publicly confesses the truth that Jesus alone is Lord and authority for salvation. The Holy Ghost confirms the truth inwardly.

Practical Application

- Teach clear gospel truth before baptism.
- Encourage confession of Jesus' lordship publicly.
- Train believers to stand on revealed truth in trials and evangelism.

Chapter 4

The Breastplate of Righteousness

Greek phrase: ἔχοντες τὸν θώρακα τῆς δικαιοσύνης

Transliteration: echontes ton thōraka tēs dikaiosynēs

Key word: δικαιοσύνη (dikaiosynē) — righteousness, right standing with God.

Metaphor and Insight

The breastplate protects the heart. Righteousness given by God—imputed and worked out by the Spirit—guards the seat of spiritual life. In Apostolic teaching, righteousness is Christ's, appropriated in

baptism and secured by the Spirit.

Acts 2:38 Connection

Water baptism identifies the believer with Christ's righteousness; the Holy Ghost empowers progressive holiness so that righteousness is lived out in the believer's life (Eph. 1:13; Eph. 3:16).

Practical Application

- Teach believers to reckon themselves dead to sin and alive to God (Rom. 6:11).
- Emphasize sanctification as Spirit-enabled, not merely human effort.
- Provide accountability and pastoral counsel for holiness.

Chapter 5

Feet Fitted with the Gospel of Peace

Greek phrase: ὑποδησάμενοι τοὺς πόδας ἐν ἑτοιμασίᾳ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου τῆς εἰρήνης

Transliteration: hupodēsamenoi tous podas en hetoimasia tou euangeliou tēs eirēnēs

Key words: εὐαγγέλιον (euangelion) — good news;

εἰρήνη (eirēnē) — peace; ἑτοιμασία (hetoimasia) — readiness.

Metaphor and Insight

Shoes prepare the soldier to move. The gospel of peace readies believers to go with news of reconciliation. Apostolic faith links the Spirit's power (often evidenced by tongues) with bold witness and mission.

Acts 2:38 Connection

Repentance and baptism bring reconciliation with God—the peace of being forgiven—and the Spirit empowers the believer to take the gospel forward with courage.

Practical Application

- Train new converts to testify and share immediately.
- Use testimonies and evangelistic training to develop readiness.
- Encourage prayer in tongues as preparation for witnessing.

Chapter 6

The Shield of Faith

Greek phrase: ἐν παντὶ δὲ λαμβάνοντες τὸν θυρεὸν τῆς πίστεως

Transliteration: en panti de lambanontes ton thyreon tēs pisteōs

Key word: πίστις (pistis) — faith, trust.

Metaphor and Insight

The Roman shield stopped flaming missiles and arrows. Faith protects the believer from doubt, accusation, and doubt-producing attacks. Faith is ignited and strengthened by the Spirit.

Acts 2:38 Connection

The baptism of the Holy Ghost builds a faith that withstands opposition and empowers testimony. The evidence of tongues often accompanies the inner strengthening of faith.

Practical Application

- Build testimonies of faith in the congregation.
- Model faith in prayer meetings and during trials.

- Teach Scripture that boosts trust in God’s promises.

Chapter 7 The Helmet of Salvation

Greek phrase: καὶ τὴν περικεφαλαίαν τοῦ σωτηρίου

Transliteration: kai tēn perikephalaián tou sōtēriou

Key word: σωτήριον (sōtērion) — of salvation, deliverance.

Metaphor and Insight

The helmet protects the mind and thought life. Salvation secures the believer’s hope and assures identity as God’s child. The Spirit’s sealing (Eph. 1:13) and the inner witness—often manifested with tongues—safeguard the conscience and thought life.

Acts 2:38 Connection

Being born again and being sealed by the Spirit yield assurance. Speaking in tongues is an inward witness that carries outward assurance of sonship in Apostolic conviction.

Practical Application

- Teach assurance grounded in the Spirit’s testimony.
- Use Scripture and prayer to renew the mind.
- Encourage private prayer in the Spirit to build assurance.

Chapter 8 — The Sword of the Spirit (The Word of God)

Greek phrase: καὶ τὴν ῥομφαίαν τοῦ πνεύματος, ἣ ἐστὶν ῥῆμα θεοῦ

Transliteration: kai tēn rhomphaían tou pneumatōs, hē estin rhēma theou

Key words: ῥομφαία (rhomphaia) — sword; πνεῦμα (pneuma) — Spirit; ῥῆμα (rhēma) — spoken word.

Metaphor and Insight

The sword is the only offensive weapon. The Spirit uses the Word—both written Scripture and Spirit-given utterance—to pierce hearts and advance the gospel. Apostolic practice emphasizes preaching, prophecy, tongues with interpretation, and declared Scripture under the Spirit’s anointing.

Acts 2:38 Connection

The Holy Ghost empowers believers to preach and declare the Word with power (Acts 2). Gifts of the Spirit—tongues, interpretation, prophecy—accompany and apply the Word.

Practical Application

- Train preachers and evangelists in Spirit-filled proclamation.
- Encourage private Scripture prayer and corporate proclamation.
- Provide guidelines for orderly use of spiritual gifts in worship.

Chapter 9

Praying Always in the Spirit

Greek phrase: προσευχῇ κατὰ πᾶσαν καιρὸν ἐν πνεύματι

Transliteration: proseuchē kata pasan kairon en pneumati

Key words: προσευχή (proseuchē) — prayer; ἐν πνεύματι — in the Spirit.

Metaphor and Insight

Prayer in the Spirit is the engine behind the armor. It sustains, fuels, and activates each piece. In Apostolic practice, praying in tongues serves personal edification (1 Cor. 14:4) and builds spiritual sensitivity.

Acts 2:38 Connection

The baptism in the Holy Ghost gives believers a primary means of Spirit-directed prayer: the prayer language. This life of prayer keeps the armor active.

Practical Application

- Teach and normalize personal prayer in tongues.
- Hold corporate times of Spirit-led prayer and intercession.
- Train intercessors in using tongues for directed prayer.

Chapter 10 Putting It All Together: Christ Is Each Piece

Romans 13:14, Galatians 3:27, and Ephesians 1–3 present a unified picture: to be clothed with Christ is to be placed into the person and authority of Jesus by the gospel and sealed by the Spirit. Each piece of the

armor is not a lifeless garment but the living presence and power of Jesus functioning in the believer.

- Truth = Christ's revealed person and name.
- Righteousness = Christ's life imputed and worked out by the Spirit.
- Readiness = the Spirit's sending for mission.
- Faith = Spirit-strengthened trust.
- Salvation = the mind and hope anchored in Christ.
- Word = Spirit-applied Scripture and utterance.
- Prayer = Spirit-enabled communion and warfare.

Chapter 11

The Acts 2:38 Order in Local Church Practice

A. Preaching and Preparation

- Offer clear teaching on repentance, baptism in Jesus' name, and the Holy Ghost.
- Prepare candidates with counseling, Scripture, and confession.

B. Baptism in Jesus' Name

- Scripture basis: Acts 2:38; Acts 10:48; Acts 19:5; Gal. 3:27.
- Suggested liturgy: confession of sin, minister's declaration, immersion in the name of Jesus Christ

for the remission of sins, testimony of new life.

C. Laying on of Hands and Prayer for the Holy Ghost

- Follow Acts 8:14–17; 19:1–6 by prayer, laying on of hands, and expectant waiting.
- Teach about the initial outward sign—speaking in tongues—and instruct newly baptized believers in its use.

D. Follow-up Discipleship

- Connect new believers to mentors.
- Offer classes on Romans 6, Galatians 2, Ephesians 1–3, and spiritual gifts.
- Provide accountability for holiness and growth.

Chapter 12

Pastoral Guidance and Discernment

- Be pastoral: some receive the Spirit immediately; others receive after prayer and instruction—Acts shows both patterns.
- Do not coerce; encourage faith and patience.
- Test the fruit: genuine Spirit baptism produces holiness, power in witness, and love (Gal. 5:22–23; 2 Cor. 6:6–7).
- On tongues: in Apostolic conviction, speaking in

tongues is the initial physical evidence of the baptism in the Holy Ghost. Pastors should teach this doctrine clearly, pray for the manifestation, and follow up with discipleship for those who receive and those who do not immediately manifest.

Chapter 13

Living Daily Clothed in Christ

- Daily reckonings: Romans 6:11 and Galatians 2:20 are daily practices—counting yourself dead to sin and alive in Christ.
- Spiritual disciplines: prayer (including tongues), Scripture meditation, confession, corporate worship, service, and evangelism.
- Warfare: use God’s Word, faith, prayer, and the power of the Holy Spirit—not mere emotionalism—to resist the enemy.

Chapter 14

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is tongues required for salvation?

A: In Apostolic teaching, the full New Testament plan includes repentance, baptism in Jesus’ name, and reception of the Holy Ghost, with tongues as the initial evidence. Salvation in its fullness—remission of

sins, new birth, and reception of the Spirit—is seen in this pattern (Acts 2:38). Pastors should teach kindly and lead people into the biblical experience.

Q: What if a person doesn't speak in tongues immediately?

A: Continue to teach, pray, and minister. Acts demonstrates varied timetables. Perseverance in faith and prayer, with patient pastoral care, is the way.

Q: Must one be rebaptized if baptized in another name?

A: Apostolic churches commonly baptize in the name of Jesus Christ as the clear New Testament pattern. Pastors should counsel with Scripture and pastoral wisdom on each case.

Chapter 15

Testimonies, Case Studies, and Pastoral Forms

- Sample baptismal liturgy.
- Sample prayer for the Holy Ghost and instructions for the moment of receiving.
- Testimony templates for new converts to use after baptism and Spirit baptism.
- Case studies of Acts-like responses in contemporary churches.

Conclusion

Put On the Lord Jesus Christ

The call to be fully clothed is urgent and glorious. Teach the full gospel, administer baptism in Jesus' name, pray earnestly for the Holy Ghost, and disciple the newly baptized into a life of Spirit power. The armor of God is not theoretical—when Christ is received by the Spirit, truth, righteousness, readiness, faith, salvation, the Word, and Spirit-prayer become operative realities. Live in that power. Stand firm. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ daily (Romans 13:14).

Appendices

Appendix A — Key Scriptures (full list)

Acts 2:38; Acts 2:1–4; Acts 10:44–48; Acts 19:1–6; Eph. 6:10–18; Eph. 1:13–14; Eph. 3:16–21; Eph. 2:1–10; Gal. 3:27; Gal. 2:20; Rom. 6; Rom. 13:14; John 3:3–8; 2 Cor. 6:6–7; 1 Cor. 14.

Appendix B — Baptismal Liturgy (Suggested)

1. Opening Scripture and brief exhortation on Acts 2:38 and Romans 6.
2. Candidate testimony/confession: “I repent of my

sins and confess Jesus Christ as Lord.”

3. Minister’s declaration: “In obedience to the Lord, I baptize you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.”

4. Immersion and a short welcome upon rising.

5. Immediate prayer and laying on of hands to receive the Holy Ghost (optional brief instruction on tongues).

6. Time of expectant prayer and encouragement.

Appendix C — Prayers and Declarations

- Repentance prayer.
- Baptismal declaration.
- Prayer for the Holy Ghost and fire: “Father, in the name of Jesus, baptize Your servant with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Fill them with power to be Your witness; give them the evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Appendix D — Small-Group Study Questions

- What does “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” mean in Romans 13:14 and Galatians 3:27?
- How does baptism symbolize death and resurrection practically in Romans 6?
- How have you experienced the Spirit’s work in prayer, sanctification, and witness?

- How can our church better prepare and follow up people for the Acts 2:38 experience?

Appendix E — Pastoral Checklist for Holy Ghost Services

- Prayer team trained and briefed.
- Clear teaching beforehand on biblical expectation and the sign of tongues.
- Counseling room or team for follow-up.
- Discipleship assignments prior to and following the service.

Final Charge

Beloved, the armor of God is not optional. The Lord has provided truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, the Word, and the Spirit's prayer life so that we might stand. Preach the full gospel. Baptize in the name of Jesus. Pray for the Holy Ghost with expectant faith. Disciple generously. When Christ clothes the believer by the Spirit, a new reality dawns: the believer is not merely better behaved but empowered for witness, sanctity, and spiritual warfare. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ—and stand.

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