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Perfect Way for Abundant Life 4

Text: Deut. 32:4; II Sam.22:31; John 10:10; Ephesians 6:10-18.

2 Samuel 22:31 “As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.” (NKJ)

Introduction: God is perfect. It means “without flaw.” God is perfect in every way. Living with this conviction allows you to experience the abundant life which doesn’t necessarily mean having a lot of things.—John 10:10, Lk.12:15. It means a large amount of life. The Greek word for abundant is *perissos*, translated consistently in most Bible versions as advantage in Romans 3:1.

Your life in Christ put you at an advantage, not disadvantage because it’s from a perfect God. The previous message emphasized the relationship with God from Ephesians 6:10-13: content of relationship, corporate command and consequences. This message expands the union with the Lord documented in Ephesians 14-18.

Two essential properties of God, His power and might are at work supporting everything—Eph. 6:10.

- Power (kratos) —strength/ability exercised.
- Might (ischus) — strength possessed whether used or not. Cp 1:19, mighty (ischus) and power (kratos).
- The passive voice (6:10) indicates there is a spiritual resiliency and DNA in the abundant life.
- DNA is the carrier of genetic information. The fundamental and distinctive characteristics or qualities of someone or something, especially when regarded as unchangeable (Oxford dictionary).

1. Composition (spiritual DNA) of the armor—vv14—18.

- a. Truth is the belt that holds the armor together—Jn.14:6 Person and Word—v14.
- b. The breastplate of righteousness (the righteousness we received in Christ)—protection.
- c. Feet shod with the gospel of peace—a firm foundation-secure footing in enemy territory—v15.
  - Gospel-good news of what Christ has done is like gripping spikes in shoes.
  - Preparation/readiness (courage) is inspired by peace in our hearts from the gospel (peace with God).
- d. The shield of faith—truth, what you believe about God and His word—v16.
  - Be impenetrable to all the fiery things, temptations of the wicked one—cp Matt.4:1-11.
  - Believers hook shields together—unmovable force.
- e. The helmet of salvation—covered the entire head, facial area and between the eyes—v17.
  - Salvation—our present salvation; that which keeps us saved and protects us from disabling hits.
- f. The sword of the Spirit—the spoken word of God (not altered)—cp Matt.4:1-11. 1<sup>st</sup> offensive weapon.
  - Short sword (gladius)—18-24 inches and skillfully used could pierce through even the strongest armor.
- g. Prayer—total dependence on God as we walk this life—v18.

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