


# Walking in the Armor of Light

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## I. Introduction

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## a. Wake from Sleep

The power of the Mystery Religions flowed from Babylon to Greece and finally to Rome. There are three prongs to the power cores of Mystery Babylon:

**Financial** – The oldest temple in Rome was dedicated to Saturn and served as the nation's treasury/bank. One symbol of Saturn is the black cube, which is used by banks, corporations, and cities of influence worldwide.




**Political/Military**

**Religious**

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All three work together to control civilizations, create empires, and fulfill Daniel's vision.  This is why only Christ can overcome its power.



**Daniel 2:36–45 (ESV)**
**36** "This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation. **37** You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory, **38** and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, making you rule over them all—you are the head of gold. **39** Another kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. **40** And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, because iron breaks to pieces and shatters all things. And like iron that crushes, it shall break and crush all these. **41** And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom, but some of the firmness of iron shall be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay. **42** And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. **43** As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay. **44 And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, 45 just as you saw that**

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> **a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand**, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure."

Rome was a relatively new assembly of believers when Paul wrote to them. Because they were dwelling in the epicenter of the Mystery Religions in their day, many quickly fell asleep spiritually.

Mystery Babylon has historically sought to accomplish several things in its fight against God.

- **Suppress God's People** – politically and financially- while seeking to contaminate the true worship of God.

- **Seek to put God's People to Sleep Spiritually** – this can be accomplished as much through persecution and compromise as it can through affluence. **Darkness will always create spiritual slumber!**

### b. The First Step to Waking Up and Staying Awake

> **12** The night is far gone; the day is at hand. **So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.**

Paul is instructing believers to do what God did on the first day of creation: separate light from darkness.

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**Genesis 1:3–4 (ESV)**
**3** And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good. **<u>And God separated the light from the darkness.</u>**

We cannot define darkness through culture, our traditions, our feelings, or any other way except for the Word of God. Casting off darkness is vital to biblical discipleship and maturity. We examine God's commandments to discover what God has defined as darkness and actively remove it from our lives, **<u>replacing it with God's light</u>**.

Paul adds specific issues that needed to be addressed in Rome: sexual immorality, quarreling, and jealousy.

- **Sexuality in the Church is Out of Control**: We have allowed the world to define sexuality instead of the Word of God. People living in sin still expect God's blessings. Sex outside of marriage is commonplace. Biblical sexuality is frowned upon while homosexuality is heralded as sacred. The only thing America still lacks is public brothels as a standard part of life!

- **Quarreling**: The Greek word Paul uses is *eris*, which means strife, discord, contention, heated, often violent dissension. [1]

    - **Social Media Has Magnified the Problem**. Sometimes, you need to keep your comments to yourself! Everyone wants to argue about everything. Even if it is something that they "slightly" disagree with, the posts will fly. Yet, God's word instructs us:

[1] Logos Word Sense. Logos Bible Software. FaithLife, Spokane, WA.

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**2 Timothy 2:24–25 (ESV)**
**24** And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, **25** correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth,

- The purpose of comments on social media is twofold: to create psychological profiles of users and to cause groupthink and self-censorship.

**Strife opens the door to spiritual slumber as quickly as sexual sins do.**

c. Putting on Christ and Putting on the Armor of Light is the Same Thing!

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# II. Darkness Will Impede Our Armor

The modern Church is filled with axioms or theological soundbites that have no reality in their day-to-day lives. We constantly speak of living in victory while our lives slowly fall apart.

## Opening Doors that Dismantle Our Armor and Allow Entrance for the Enemy

Some we have already commented on:

- Sexual Sins
- Argumentative Spirit
- Jealousy

### a. Family Trees

**Dark Spirits Claim Lineage**

- Freemasonry
- Occult and Paganism

### b. Bad Theology

- **Hypergrace**
    - Grace has removed sin.
- **Easy Believism**
    - A Gospel that Costs You Nothing. No real change required.

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- **Prosperity & Faith Movement**

    - The Foundation is Process Theology or Open Theism
    - Our words create our reality
    - We are becoming gods
    - Eventually, God has no sovereign will. He needs our prayers to understand what to do. Also, God does not know the future; He needs us to help Him figure it out.

- **Antinomianism – Willful Disobedience to God**

    - To Stand Against God's Commandments
    - Lawlessness

- **Cultural Christianity**

  True Christianity is not a relationship with a church or denomination. It is a dynamic, living relationship with Almighty God through Christ's completed work.

- **Christianized Paganism**

  **Jeremiah 16:19–21 (ESV)**
  **19** O LORD, my strength and my stronghold, my refuge in the day of trouble, to you shall the nations come from the ends of the earth and say: "Our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, worthless things in which there is no profit. **20** Can man make for himself gods? Such are not gods!" **21** "Therefore, behold, I will make them know, this once I will make them know my power and my might, and they shall know that my name is the LORD."

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Few realize that any tradition that contradicts the Word of God can become an idol. We express our worship through our participation.

### c. Unforgiveness

> **Matthew 18:31–35 (ESV)**
> **31** When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. **32** Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. **33** And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' **34** And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. **35** So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Jailers in the ESV, Tormentors in the KJV. The original Greek word is *basanistes*, meaning torturer-jailer. [2] Unforgiveness opens the door to the enemy to torment and bring pain into our lives.

[2] Ibid.

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