



# Faith in Action

Stand Firm

 DOWNTOWN  
COURTENAY

COMOX VALLEY  
**Christmas  
Parade**

WINTER WONDERLAND EDITION

2PM SUNDAY  
**December 1**

5TH ST, DOWNTOWN COURTENAY

*Native Sons Hall*

**GNARLY CHRISTMAS  
CRAFT FAIR  
10 AM - 2 PM**

**CAPTAIN THUNDERPANTS  
10:30 AM**

**PICTURES WITH SATAN  
11:15 AM**

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- <sup>NAS</sup> **2 Corinthians 11:14** And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

## Be Alert

- <sup>NIV</sup> **1 Peter 5:8** Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.
- <sup>NIV</sup> **Luke 22:31** "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Zechariah 3:1** Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.
- <sup>ESV</sup> **John 8:44** You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.
- <sup>ESV</sup> **Ephesians 4:27** and give no opportunity to the devil.

## Stand Firm

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Ephesians 6:10** Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Peter 5:8** Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

## Our Enemy

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Chronicles 21:1** Then Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **2 Chronicles 18:21** "And he said, 'I will go and be a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' ...
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Matthew 4:3** And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."
- <sup>ESV</sup> **John 13:2** During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him,
- <sup>NIV</sup> **Acts 5:3** Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?"

## How to Stand Firm

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Ephesians 6:11** Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil... <sup>13</sup> Therefore, take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **James 4:7** Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

## The *Armor* of God



**Therefore put on  
the full armor of God,  
so that when the  
day of evil comes,  
you may be able  
to stand your ground,  
and after you have  
done everything,  
to stand.**

## The Armor of God

- NAS **Isaiah 59:15** ... Now the LORD saw, And it was displeasing in His sight that there was no justice. <sup>16</sup> ... Then His own arm brought salvation to Him; And His righteousness upheld Him. <sup>17</sup> And He put on righteousness like a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; And He put on garments of vengeance for clothing, And wrapped Himself with zeal as a mantle. <sup>18</sup> According to their deeds, so He will repay, Wrath to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies ...

## The Armor of God

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Isaiah 11:4** But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, And faithfulness the belt about His waist.
- <sup>NRS</sup> **Wisdom 5:17** The Lord will take his zeal as his whole armor, and will arm all creation to repel his enemies; <sup>18</sup> he will put on righteousness as a breastplate, and wear impartial justice as a helmet; <sup>19</sup> he will take holiness as an invincible shield, <sup>20</sup> and sharpen stern wrath for a sword, and creation will join with him to fight against his frenzied foes.

## Put on God

- <sup>ESV</sup> **Romans 13:14** But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Ephesians 4:24** and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.
- <sup>ESV</sup> **Colossians 3:10** ... put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. .. <sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience ... <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Galatians 5:16** But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

Application

## Putting on the Armor of God

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Ephesians 6:14** Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

➤ *Know, believe, and obey the word of God.*

## The Power of the Word

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes ...
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **James 1:21** Therefore putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.
- <sup>NIV</sup> **Ephesians 1:13** And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

## The Example of Jesus

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Matthew 4:3** And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." <sup>4</sup> But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'" ... <sup>6</sup> ... "If You are the Son of God throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'He will give His angels charge concerning You'; and 'On their hands they will bear You up, Lest You strike Your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ... <sup>9</sup> and he said to Him, "All these things will I give You, if You fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'" <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left Him ...
- <sup>NAS</sup> **James 4:7** ...Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

## The Empowerment of the Spirit

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Ephesians 6:17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,
- <sup>NAS</sup> **2 Corinthians 3:15** But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart; <sup>16</sup> but whenever a man turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. <sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

# Conclusion

## Jesus, Our Hope

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 2:14** Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; <sup>15</sup> and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 12:31** "Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world shall be cast out.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Revelation 12:9** And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

## Jesus, Our Victory

- NAS **1 John 3:7** Little children, let no one deceive you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; <sup>8</sup> the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil. <sup>9</sup> No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. <sup>10</sup> By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.

## Put on God, Stand Firm

- **Philippians 2:12** So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup> for God is the working one in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Ephesians 6:17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit ...