

The Attackers: The Work of Christ Removed Sin as an Issue; Faith in Him & His Work Provides Salvation; Propitiation Makes Reconciliation & Justification Possible; the Shield of Faith: Panoply Element #4; Aorist Adverbial Participle #4: "After having picked up ...," Eph 6:16

Hebrews 4:15a - ... One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. (NASB)

- (22) The good news is that our imperfection is removed by the work of Christ on the cross when He was judged in our place.
- (23) Our sins were removed from us and placed on Him and judged by the justice of God.
- (24) If our sins have been judged by the justice of God, then our sins are no longer the issue. The issue is the love of God that provided a means by which our guilt could be removed.
- (25) Jesus Christ is the perfect Mediator who, on our behalf, willingly took our place in the courtroom of divine judgment.
- (26) Our Lord removed sin as an issue. His substitutionary spiritual death was considered by God to be a satisfactory solution to our sin problem.
- (27) As a result, the unbeliever has the availability of peace with God through simple faith in Christ, the One who makes reconciliation possible.
- (28) This reconciliation is what is meant by the concluding phrase of Ephesians 6:15, "the gospel of peace," in all major English translations.
- (29) Here is the corrected translation of our passage as far as we have gone:

Ephesians 6:10 - But from now on, keep on becoming strong in the Lord, even by means of His endowed power.

v. 11 - Wear for yourselves the full armor from God, that you might be able to hold your ground against the tactics of the devil.

v. 12 - Because our combat is not against blood and flesh, but against general officers, against commissioned officers, against special-forces guerrillas and fifth-column spies of the Dark Side, against the demonic rank-and-file warriors of evil who populate the atmosphere and outer space.

v. 13 - Because of the Angelic Conflict, pick up and put on the full armor of God, for the purpose that you might have the ability [**power, intelligence, knowledge, skill, and competence**] and the capacity [**to produce, perform, and deploy**] to stand fast and resist in the evil day, even after having achieved everything, to oppose those things that are in conflict with the spiritual life.

v. 14 - Stand fast [ἵστημι (*hístēmī*): main or controlling verb] therefore, after having buckled around your waist [περιζώννυμι (*perizōnnumī*): aorist adverbial participle] the belt of truth and after having put on [ἐνδύω (*endúō*): aorist adverbial participle] the breastplate of capacity righteousness,

v. 15 - also after having put [ὑποδέω (*hupodéō*): aorist adverbial participle] boots on your feet with the equipment of the gospel of reconciliation; (EXT)

2. Our passage continues with the fourth element of the believer's spiritual panoply:

Ephesians 6:16 - in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. (NASB)

1. The opening phrase "in addition to all," is the prepositional phrase **ἐν πᾶσι (en pás)**: "in addition to all the above."
2. Every element of the panoply is equally important to the believer's effectiveness on the battlefield of the Invisible War.
3. Next we have the fourth use of the aorist adverbial participle, this time of the verb **ἀναλαμβάνω (analambánō)**: "after having picked up."
4. The aorist tense is constative which views the action of the verb in its entirety and therefore translated, "after having picked up."
5. Since this is an aorist adverbial participle, then its action precedes the action of the main verb which is found in verse 14, the aorist active imperative of the verb **ἵστημι (hístēmi)**, translated "Stand fast."
6. Before this command can be honored, all six elements of the panoply must be in place. Just as with the previous three pieces of armor, number four is to be picked up before the action of the main verb can take place.
7. What is to be picked up is mentioned next, the singular masculine noun **θυρεός (thureós)**: "shield."
8. Every successful army must have superior elements of defense. No officer would order his men into battle without proper defensive devices.
9. American soldiers are dressed in ACUs designed in digital camouflage patterns, combat body armor made of High-Performance Polyethylene fibers (HPPE), and Advanced Combat Helmets (ACH).
10. The Roman soldier's defensive attire consisted of breastplate, shield, and helmet.
11. In the Christian soldier's panoply we have learned that doctrine in the soul defends the FLOT Line against incoming artillery from the Dark Side's propaganda, i.e., "flaming arrows."