

The sword

Key interpretive question: What is the difference between “the belt of truth” and “the sword of the Spirit”?

Belt of truth — _____.

Sword of Spirit — _____.

A key passage

¹And looking intently at the council, Paul said, “Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all good conscience up to this day.”²And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth.³Then Paul said to him, “God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?”⁴Those who stood by said, “Would you revile God’s high priest?”⁵And Paul said, “I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it is written, ‘You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.’” Acts 23:1-5

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¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armour 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. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ **Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.** ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. Ephesians 6:10-18

The helmet

3 Tenses:

1. Past. We *have been saved* from _____.

For in this hope we were saved. Romans 8:24

2. Present. We *are being saved* from _____.

For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. 2 Corinthians 2:15

3. Future. We *will be saved* from _____.

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. Romans 5:10

A key passage

...For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. 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 armour of light. Romans 13:11-12

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