

## Lessons through a windshield Part I

### Buckle Up - Its the Law



Intro: This is something that once we get into the habit of doing, we almost do it automatically. If we don't, it can cost us so we need to get into the habit. The same thing goes for the spiritual life. There are some things we need to get in the habit of buckling up so we can avoid struggles, loneliness and fear. Lets think about it for a while today.

#### I. Things to buckle up

##### A. Our Spiritual Armor Ephesians 6:10-18

###### 1. The girdle of truth V 14

**Thought:** Satan is a liar but the Christian who knows the truth will not be deceived by his lies. How well do you know the word? This is why biblical education is so important.

###### 2. The Breastplate of Righteousness V 14

**Thought:** Right living guards the heart against the assault of the enemy. **Remember,** we can't do right till we are right.

So our righteousness is actually Christ's righteousness that has been imputed to our account. The key is not just that it has been charged to our account, but it is no good if we do not buckle it on and use it for right just because He has already made us right.

### 3. The shoes of the Gospel V 15

Why this part? Our answer is found in Psalm 119:89 Because it is the only thing in the universe besides God himself that is settled forever. So what better thing to walk with.

Also remember passages such as Psalm 119:97-104

### 4. The shield of faith V 16 Hebrews 11:6

Faith never grows in a disobedient, fearful heart so lets be obedient and buckle it on and by faith, trust God for great things in our lives.

**Thought:** Remember, only those who see the invisible can do the impossible and we can see the invisible only through the eyes of faith. Do you have your faith shield buckled on today?

### 5. Then we need to buckle up the helmet of salvation V 17

If you don't know you have this helmet buckled on, then you probably don't. I can tell if I have this helmet on or not and so can you. I John 5:13

- If you are not sure why not finish these thoughts and follow the directions at the bottom of the page

### 6. Then we need to buckle on the Sword of the Spirit V 17

**Thought:** The devil is not afraid of a dust covered Bible. So dust it off and buckle it on as part of your armor.

**Thought:** Someone said it quite well; using your Bible as a road map will keep you off the detours of life.

T.S. But besides buckling on the spiritual armor we need to buckle up some other practical things such as

B. Buckle up your courage **Thought:** There are no hopeless situations; there are only people who have grown hopeless about them. So buckle on some courage and lets go forward.

C. Buckle up some enduring friendships **Thought:** No one has so big a house that he does not need a good neighbor.

D. Finally, buckle up some dreams **Thought:** God often gives in one brief moment, what he has for a long time denied.

Our problem is that we quit dreaming because we get discouraged. So lets buckle up once again in this area of our lives.

**Question:** Are you buckled up? Its a law in the nation but it is a spiritual law as well. We need to buckle up, not to avoid fines, *but to gain victories.*

Be sure you are buckled up before going home today. And have a great trip this week.

**In closing,** if you are not sure about your salvation being buckled on you can be sure. All you need to do is read, believe, and accept the following.

Realize you are a sinner Romans 3:23

Understand that the payday for sin is death or eternal conscious separation from God.  
Romans 6:23a

Know that there is a way of escape for you. Romans 6:23b and John 1:12

Desire to escape and pray this or a similar prayer.

"Dear God, I know I am a sinner. I am truly sorry for my sins, and I confess them all to You [name them]. Lord Jesus, forgive all my sins and come into my heart as my Saviour and Lord. I receive You right now. Help me from this time forward to live for You. Thank You for hearing and answering my prayer. In Jesus' name. Amen."

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ I became a Christian by inviting Jesus Christ into my life to forgive my sin.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have further questions or have chosen to do this, be sure to let us know so we can help you, pray for you and encourage you in your new life.

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