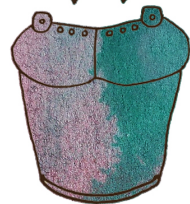
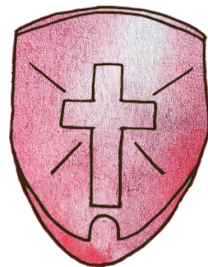


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Spiritual Forces of Evil in the Heavenly Places

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External
Solicitation
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Flesh

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A love which centers in moral preference...

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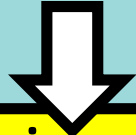
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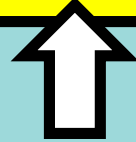


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Ophthalmos- the eye, the mind's eye; ***Personal Possessions***



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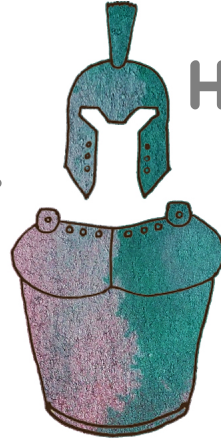
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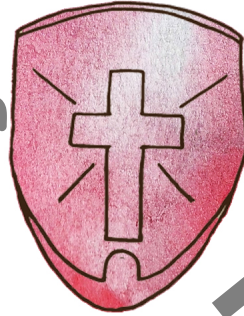
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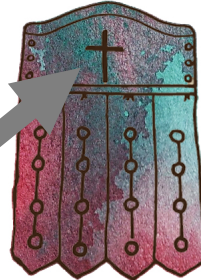


Breastplate of
Righteousness

Shield of Faith



Belt of Truth



Sword of the
Spirit...
the Word of God

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Gospel of Peace





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**in exchange for the real treasures of life
in the depths of the human heart?**

James 4:4

You adulterous people!

Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?

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