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Flesh Greek- sarkos; sarx

- 1. The soft fleshy parts of the body.
- 2. The body as a whole...the material part of person.
- 3. The whole man as conditioned by a bodily existence and by natural desires.
- 4. Man as a fallen being whose desires even at best originate from sin and are stained by it.
- 5. All the evil that man is and is capable of apart from the intervention of God's grace in his life... ...synonymous with "the natural man", "the old nature"

or "sinful nature".



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Eritheia:

Seeking your own agenda regardless of the trouble is may cause.



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Dichostasiai:

divisions that wrongly separate people into pointless factions.

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Phthonoi:

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Komoi:

a riotous party which hosted unbridled sexual immorality, associated with religious ceremonies... wild, furious, and ecstatic.



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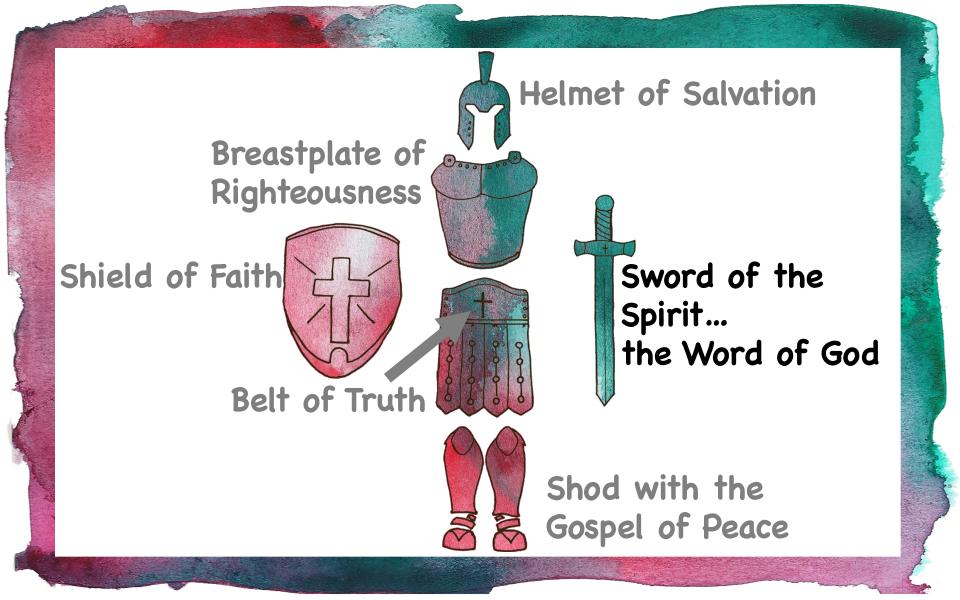
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Ephesians 6:10-13

- **10** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.
- 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.
- 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
- 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.





So...therefore...what now?

What do you do with our propensity to live out of the "flesh"...



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- Run
- Live in the Truth
- Walk in the Spirit



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I have been crucified with Christ.

It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in

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Galatians 2:20

