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Exodus 15:2 and LSB Service of Prayer and Preaching

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Why has Israel escaped Egypt only to be trapped in the desert between the Egyptian army and the sea? (Exodus 14) Why is the creation in bondage to corruption?

(Romans 8) So many questions. So many difficulties in trying to understand.

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The Lord’s triumph and glory have answered all life’s questions. Why is this happening to me? Why is he suffering like this? Why do I get to enjoy this successful life while so many struggle? All questions are answered in the Lord’s triumph over sin and death. Moses knew. The Christians in Rome knew. We know.

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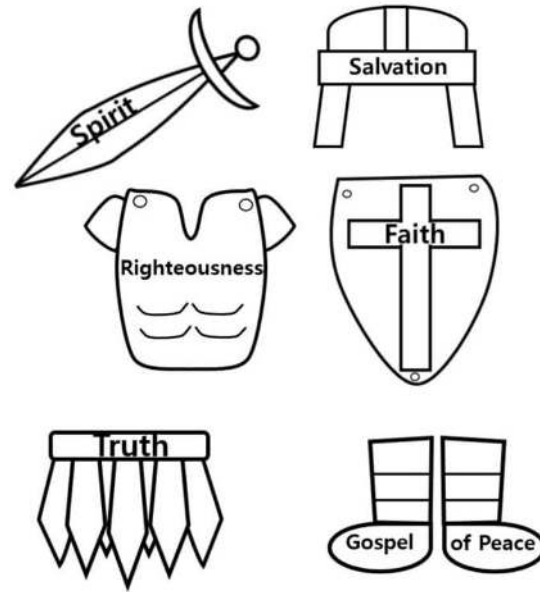
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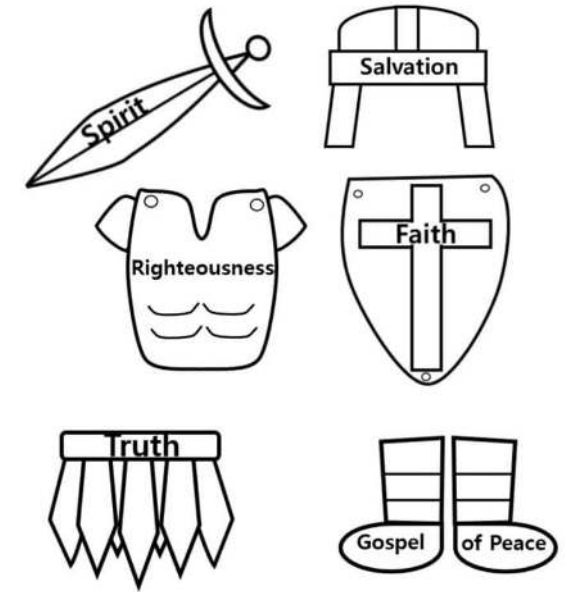
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