

The Bullets Denied

Los Angeles motorcycle police officer Bob Vernon saw a red pickup truck speed through a stop sign. “This guy must be late to work,” he thought to himself.

Vernon turned on his emergency lights and radioed that he was in pursuit. The pickup truck pulled over, and the officer approached.

Meanwhile, the driver thought, “The cops already know!” He rested his hand on the same gun he had used a few moments before to rob a 24-hour market. The sack of stolen money was beside him.

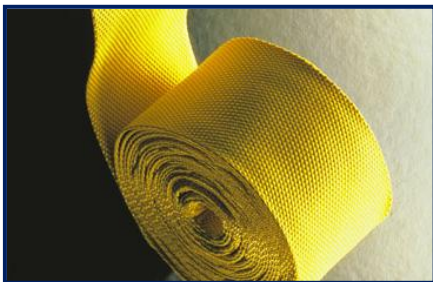


Reaching the driver’s side of the truck, the officer said, “May I see your ...”

He never finished the sentence. The driver shoved his gun toward the policeman’s chest and fired. The officer was knocked flat seven feet away.

A few seconds later, to the shock of the criminal, the officer stood up, pulled his revolver, and fired twice. The first bullet went through the open window and smashed the windshield. The second tore through the door and ripped into the driver’s leg.

“Don’t shoot!” the thief screamed, throwing the gun and sack of money out the pickup window.



What saved the policeman’s life was Kevlar, the super-strong fabric used for bulletproof vests. Only three-eighths of an inch thick, Kevlar can stop bullets cold.

In the spiritual realm, we need protection, too. Ephesians 6 instructs every Christian to put on the full armor of God. Our world today – just as it was in the time in which the Apostle Paul wrote this letter to the

church at Ephesus – is rampant with sin and temptation. Paul advised:

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in great power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can fight against the devil’s tricks. Our fight is not against people on earth but against the rulers and authorities and powers of this world’s darkness, against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly world. That is why you need to put on God’s full armor. Then on the day of evil you will be able to stand strong. And when you have finished the whole fight, you will still be standing.”

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What does the “full armor of God” include? Paul goes on to identify the various pieces as truth, right living, the “Good News of peace,” faith, God’s salvation, and the “sword of the Spirit,” which is the Word of God.

To be so equipped is my prayer of protection for you.

– Beecher Hunter