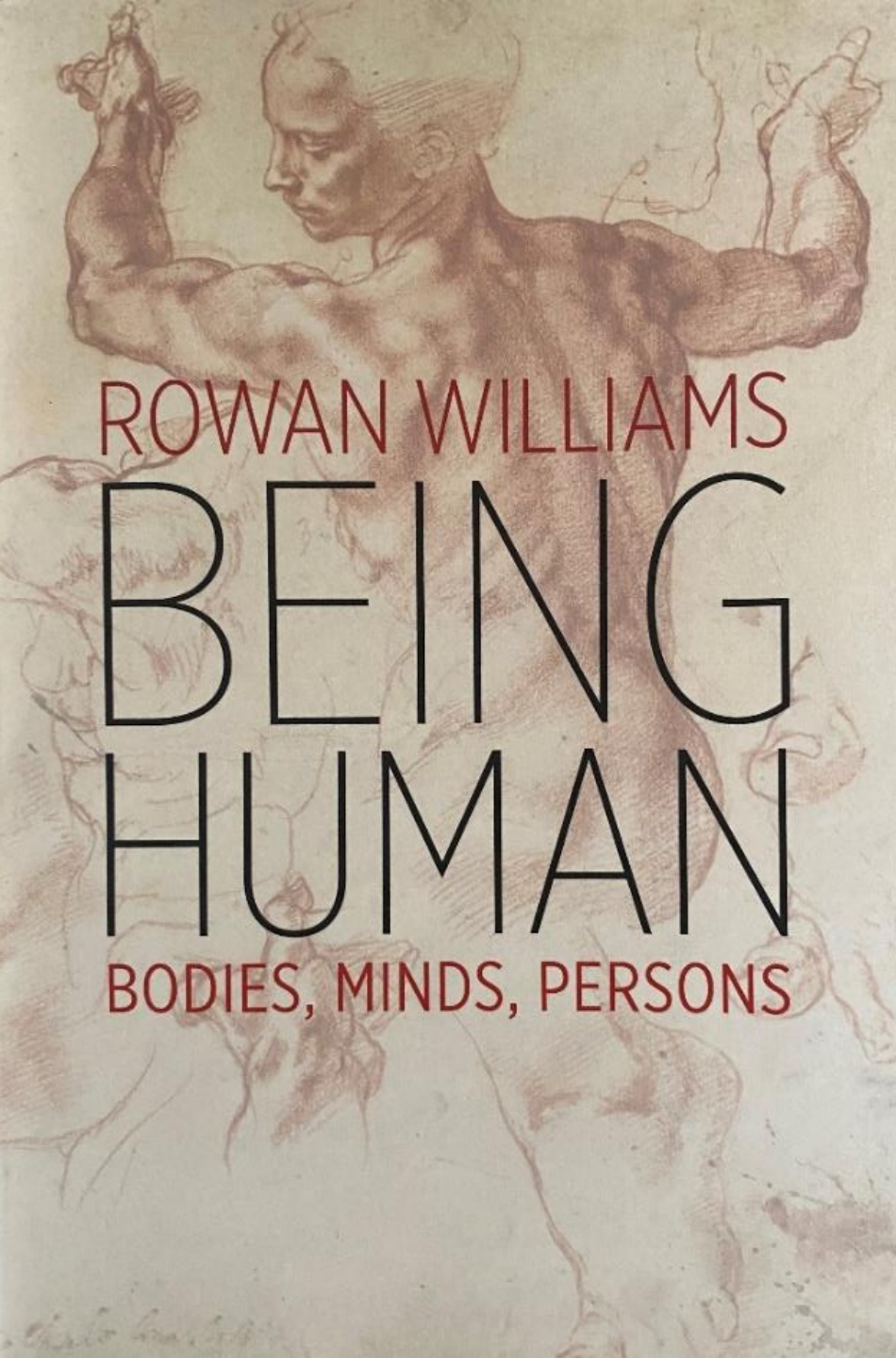


Armor of God

healthy in God, robust in love

EPHESIANS 6:13-18



Faith and human flourishing

1. Dependence and autonomy
2. Education of passion
3. Taking time
4. Accepting our mortality

Williams, *Being Human*, 2018, 69-85

Ephesians 6:13–18 (NRSV)

13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

14 Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. 15 As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. 16 With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep praying for all the saints.

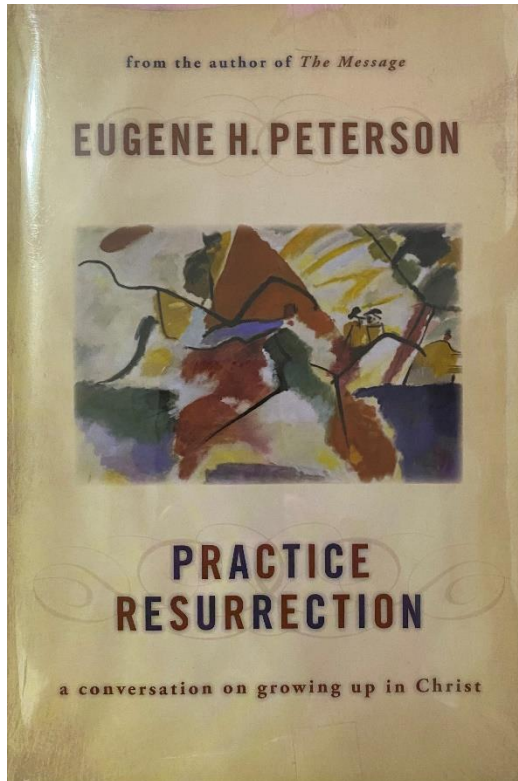
Ephesians 6:10–12 (NIV)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

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Practice Resurrection/Christian Living



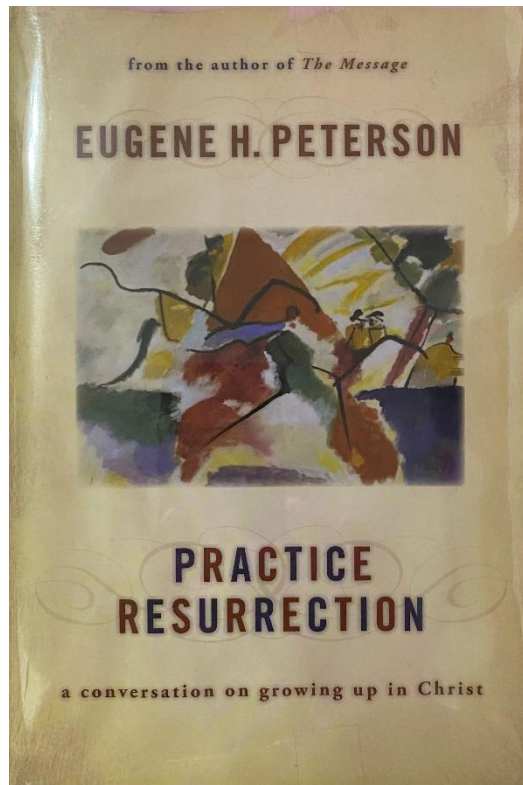
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1. Truth
2. Righteousness
3. Peace
4. Faith
5. Salvation
6. Word of God.

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The Wiles of the Devil and the Armor of God



Paul gives us a representative sampling of what this life consists of – six items: **truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and word of God**. In contrast to “the wiles of the devil” none of these six items is a way to **do** anything. They do not add up to a plan or program. None of them can be done on our own, autonomously. They are gifts and can be maintained as gifts only in acts of giving. They can exist only by being incarnate in human beings with other human beings in acts of living – **being**. Nothing is impersonal...

Putting them all together, we find the **six words incarnate in Jesus, who is “the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6), who gave “his life as a ransom for many” (Matt.20:28 RSV).**



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The labeling of each of the six aspects of the practice of resurrection with an item of armor helps us realize that this life in Christ is not made up of passive qualities; rather, each one forms a field of participation in Christ's work of redemption. The words are not job descriptions from which we improvise a strategy and then implement the best we can. **We are** the weapons. **Who we are** takes precedence over what we do...

1. You are the salt of the earth (Matt. 5:13)
2. You are the light of the world (Matt.5:14)
3. I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves (Matt.10:16)



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Daily Living

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Daily Living

Fully committed to spiritual formation

Fully committed to the task of the church

Fully committed to nurturing a spiritual formation community

Developing mastery of the Word and being mastered by it

Fully engaged in the workplace (no sacred/secular divide)

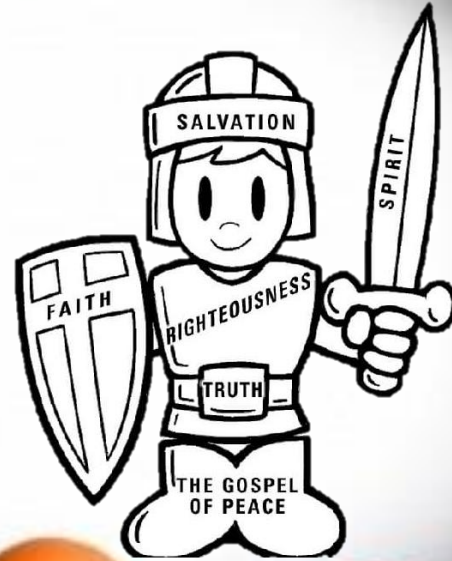
Allowing people safe space to grow

Developing discernment and a prayerful lifestyle

Living a life of worship in Christ

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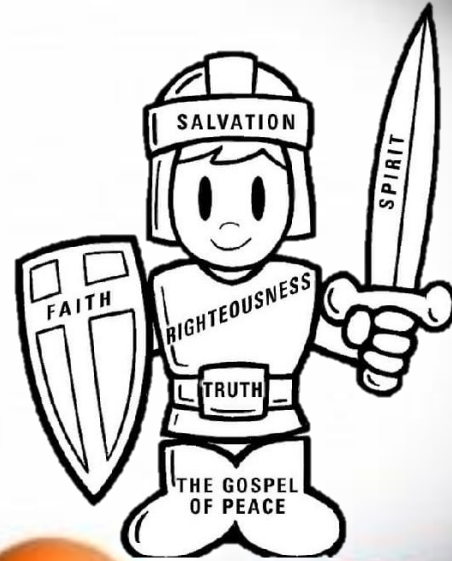
Embedding the Bible in our daily life



- Centrality of Scriptures in community ethos
- Getting people into the Word and the Word into the people
- Bible reading activities
- Modeling

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Commitment and
ownership

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Commitment and ownership

everyone takes responsibility for their own and their community's spiritual growth

- Empower
- Equip
- Accountable

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Empowerment by the Holy Spirit

- Prayers
- Obedience
- Presence of God
- Holy listening, wholly listening
- Discernment

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