
Text Ephesians 6:10-18: Review:

Christian: In our study of the Armor of God, I want you to always keep (2) supporting passages close to your hearts. 1 Peter 5:8-9, James 4:7

These (2) passages are strongly coupled with what God will reveal to us in the Armor of God. Humble submission to God and the steadfastness of our faith in Christ and His Word are key factors to us resisting Satan!

EVERY MOMENT of your life in this present evil world you are subject to the devil's influences/temptations, it is therefore essential that you are properly equipped for this "actual" spiritual conflict.

Remember: "TRUTH" is the girdle that strengthens you, giving you the ability to stand in the evil day.

Not static, unused, and unpracticed truth, but active, operational truth; truth believed by faith and obeyed!

Next: The "breastplate of righteousness"; righteousness is the breastplate; this spiritual breastplate IS practical righteousness; it is your righteousness and your integrity that comes forth from your life and testimony because of the righteousness of Christ IN YOU.

HOW do you PUT IT ON? BY FAITH! BUT HOW?

BY walking by faith and obedience to God's Holy Word in your life! THAT is how you PUT ON the breastplate of righteousness! In Christ you are to be DOERS of righteousness.

Remember Satan didn't have anything to accuse Job of after all of his attacks against Job. God said of Job, (To Satan); after all of your attacks: STILL Job holds fast his integrity!

NOW, as we move on to Ephesians 6:15 and the next piece of spiritual armour, "and having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace"

What did it mean in the time of the Apostle Paul for a soldier to have his feet shod?

It meant to put on/lace up shoes or footwear designed for the protection of your feet IN BATTLE. Soldiers needed to be shod or equipped (for the protection) of the "underside of their feet" so that they would not be injured or pierced or cut on the bottom of their feet.

A soldier with injured feet would be unable to march to the fight, and then dig in, stand firm, and hold his ground against the enemy. What good is a soldier whose feet are injured or pierced?

It is believed by some that Roman Soldiers wore footwear/shoes with "studded bottoms" like cleats, designed to help them dig in, hold their ground, and offer resistance when being pushed back by the enemy.

In application: Christian, understand that if you would offer effective resistance against YOUR ADVERSARY the devil, you MUST stand EVERY DAY on EVERY GROUND with PREPARED FEET, shod/protected by the gospel of peace. You MUST STAND on sure gospel footing!

Every piece of the Armor of God is designed to KEEP YOU STRONG & STANDING. To trust in God's Armour is to TRUST God's strength! We are able to STAND because of every piece of God's Armour!

(V14): "Stand therefore", (V15): "having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace".

This piece is the "gospel of peace"; so does this mean I must be a preacher of the gospel to have "feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace?"

In Romans 10:15:

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things". Cp. Isaiah 52:7, Nahum 1:15

But the emphasis (in these passages) is NOT spiritual warfare & resistance against our adversary the devil, but on the beautiful feet of preachers who bring glad tidings of the gospel to lost and saved souls.

Think about it, God's messengers bring tidings of the cross of Christ, reconciliation with God, forgiveness from the dominion and power of sin, and eternal life in the presence of Christ for all eternity! That's beautiful feet!

But there is a clear distinction between beautiful feet and feet prepared and laced up for battle, resistance, and warfare.

Herein lies (2) different missions, the preacher "carries" the good news of the gospel of peace to lost and saved souls. But EVERY Christian, as a soldier of Jesus Christ MUST have his/her feet prepared to "stand firm in the gospel of peace". 1 Corinthians 15:1-2

YOUR HEART, Christian, must BE resolved, equipped with the truth, so that you're SURE FOOTED and able to stand and hold your ground (in the gospel) in spiritual battle against your adversary the devil.

Romans 5:1-2, Colossians 1:21-23, 2:6-10, 2 Peter 3:17-18

Don't forget, that every piece of the Armor of God enables you to be strengthened by faith in God to STAND in the evil day:

Consider each piece of the Armor of God that we have learned about so far: Active, operational, lived truth; next, practical righteousness, which you possess BECAUSE of the righteousness of Christ in you; and tonight, are you SURE FOOTED in gospel of peace? Can you hold your ground against your adversary?