



WALKING WITH JESUS

PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

Last Week ...

INTRODUCTION:

- *In spiritual warfare, your footing matters.
- *A soldier without proper shoes cannot stand, fight, or advance.
- * Paul teaches that our spiritual footing is the gospel of peace.
- "Our main objective this afternoon is to remind everyone that before you can stand against the enemy, you must first stand in the Gospel of peace."

Conclusion:

1. The source of the Gospel of peace is justification by our faith in Jesus Christ
2. A Peace with God, which is relational, not just emotional.
3. It is a legal peace based on Christ's finished work on the cross
4. The Gospel of peace is permanent. It is secure because it is bounded in Christ
5. It is the foundation of all other peace.
6. The Gospel of peace is a reconciled relationship with God.

The Full Armour of God – Shoes of Peace 2

Readiness Defined

1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts and always be ready to give a defence to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.

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Sanctification Requires a Separation

A.From - the world (2 Cor. 6:17-18).

B.To - God (1 Peter 2:9).

C.By - the blood of Jesus (Hebrews 10:10, 29)

A. Separation From - the world

2 Corinthians 6:17-18

Therefore, “Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you”

18 And, “I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

B. Sanctification - To God

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

C. Sanctification - By the blood of Jesus

Hebrews 10:10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:29 How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?

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From today's reading ... **always be ready to give a defence to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.**

3. A prepared believer is a stable believer.

Consistency, faithfulness, steadfastness, stable, constant . . . these are words all Christians desire would describe their walks with the Lord.

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A believer's life must be built upon the teachings and person of Christ to ensure stability.

Rooted in Scripture: A stable spiritual life is deeply rooted in the Word of God.

Psalm 1:2-3 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither - whatever they do prospers.

Another thought that comes out of today's readings is the fact that this is not all just about us.

From today's reading ... **give a defence to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you**

If you are a Christian living in trust and guided by the spirit you hopefully have be led by the Spirit to the Gift(s) you have been given. That means you should have a clear knowledge of the path you need to walk using those gift(s).

You see, the shoes of; peace will also help guide is on our journey. To keep moving forward, not going backwards and to stand firm. Whatever our physical and Spiritual strength is, every now and again we **will** falter.

2 Timothy 4:6-8 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Life's paths take us to different places. But regardless of where we are on life's journey, it's always good to remember that faith-filled endurance is essential and rewarding; that God is the source of our strength; and that, by His grace, he "will bring [us] safely to his heavenly kingdom". Arthur Jackson – Daily Bread

Conclusion

- We can be prepared within ourselves.
- We can be ready to defend our faith.
- We can be ready to explain our faith in the simplest terms.
- We can be ready to give hope for those who seek a better way.
- We can Develop Daily Spiritual Discipline, (Words and Prayers).

- We will trust in Jesus

AMEN!