

7-30-2023 - Stand Prepared in the Peace of His Gospel –

Wk4 - SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Notes:

Ephesians 6:10-15 AMP

10 In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides].

11 Put on God's whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil.

12 For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.

13 Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place].

14 Stand therefore [hold your ground], having tightened the belt of truth around your loins and having put on the breastplate of integrity and of moral rectitude and right standing with God,

15 And having shod your feet in preparation [to face the enemy with the firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness produced by the good news] of the Gospel of peace.

The purpose of the soldiers' footwear was to provide STABILITY & MOBILITY in the battle!

The stable soldier can STAND FIRM when the enemy attacks.

The mobile soldier can quickly move into battle!

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Luke 14:23 - "Go out"

Matthew 28:19 - "Therefore, go"

The tool that gives you both stability & mobility:

PEACE - "the readiness of the the gospel of peace."

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Question:

Why is peace so powerful?

- overcomes chaos
- brings calm to anxiety
- breaks the bondages of fear
- restores what has been twisted

What is "peace?"

Tranquility can calmness of the soul even in the midst of difficult circumstances.

KEEP CALM, Walk in peace!

PEACE IS WHAT I ALREADY HAVE BECAUSE JESUS SPIRIT LIVES WITHIN ME!

GOSPEL = "GOOD NEWS"

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The ABC's of the Gospel:

- A - admit you're a sinner, separated from God.
- B - believe there is a solution.
- C - come, confess, & commit

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Isaiah 9:6 - [Jesus is the] the Prince of Peace

Colossians 3:15 - Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts

John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.

When my peace is based on my situation, I am prone to fall.

When my peace is based on my Savior, I can STAND FIRM!

We also need mobility to bring what we have to the chaos.

Romans 12:8 - If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Ephesians 2:14 - For he (Jesus) himself is our peace...destroying the barrier of hostility.

Matthew 5:9 - Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God.

You won't find peace until you make peace!

SHALOM - ultimate, complete peace and wholeness.

Since the PEACE OF CHRIST (of the gospel) lives within me, I CAN ESTABLISH PEACE around me.

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