

Battle Ready

Ephesians 6

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. **13** Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. **14** Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, **15** and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Four times in three verses the Bible commands us to stand firm against the enemy

Remember how Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15 that he delivered to the Corinthians the same thing that he had received, this gospel which they have believed, they've received it, now they stand in it. Then he begins to define the gospel in these terms; he says, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, he was buried, and on the third day he rose, in accordance with the Scriptures. That's the gospel. The gospel is the good news of God's saving work through the death, burial, and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ. It's good news of salvation! It's good news for sinners, who will receive it. God is making an offer that he will save all who will trust in his crucified and risen Son.

Colossians 3

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. **16** Let the message of

Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. [17](#)And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

When we are followers of Jesus peace should be mark on our life!

If we allow our peace to be based on our situations, we will be very likely to fall.

When our peace is based on what Jesus did for us, we can experience peace in any circumstance because we know God is with us!

Romans 16

20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

We carry the peace of God into battle with us!

Romans 12

[17](#)Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. [18](#)If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Atmospheres should be better because you bring the Spirit of God into all circumstances!

John 14

27Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

We are unmoved!

Standing allows us to withstand the attack of the enemy

There is also a time to move, take some territory.

The shoes of peace provide a firm foundation

A soldier's shoes formed the foundation of his armament. In those days, the foot soldiers of the empire relied on walking as their primary means of transportation, so the ability to move easily and comfortably was a necessity for them.

The shoes were designed to last for the entire war!

As the Roman soldier walked miles and miles, know you can confidently stride on a firm foundation because of our Prince of Peace (Isaiah 40:1).

Life is not easy. We must have the right footwear for the journey. Jesus gives us the right shoes to go the distance.

the church is stronger when we walk together fitted with the shoes of peace. **Together we can help each other, push each other, and encourage one another to remember the peace we have.**

Matthew 5

9Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

He intentionally stirs up discord, division, disruption, and disturbance, both within you and around you. **He is the lord of chaos and confusion,** using every opportunity to upset your sense of well-being and stability. He wants you uneasy, unbalanced, filled with anxiety, worry, and

turmoil. Lacking peace! A life without peace is simply unprotected, crippled, unable to move forward, hindered from maturing and developing in a healthy fashion.

In addition to standing our ground, gospel of peace shoes are also for moving. **God expects us to go on the offensive and take the gospel of peace to others.**

Sharing our faith is one of the best ways to maintain our own sure footing. God knows that, when we are active in speaking of Him to others, we not only charge into Satan's territory, but we dig our shoes more deeply into truth and will be much harder to stumble.

Luke 14

23“Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.

LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS

Philippians 4

4Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! **5**Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. **6**Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. **7**And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.