

The Soldier's Equipment (Part 2 of 3)

Ephesians 6:13-20

Intro: Satan's attack of the believer are unrelenting and exhausting, not for him, but for us. If we are not careful to consistently rely upon God's strength we will soon grow weary. These next two pieces of armor are meant to give us encouragement and rest in the midst of the battle. Both of which are vital to our long term success against the unrelenting attacks of Satan.

I. Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace

A. Familiarize- The what

B. Analyze- The why

C. Utilize- The how

II. The shield of faith

A. Familiarize- The what

B. Analyze- The why

C. Utilize- The how

Conclusion: Satan wants to throw us off balance by taking our legs out from under us. He attacks our fellowship with God knowing that apart from that constant fellowship we will certainly falter. Knowing this, God constantly reminds us through His word of our position before Him, a position of peace. When we recognize that peace, we rest in Him and His word and there we find protection from the continued onslaught of flaming arrows. Arrows that we could never withstand on our own.

Questions for discussion/application:

- Jerry Bridges wrote a book entitled *The Gospel for Real Life*. How does this third piece of armor relate to this idea?
- What is the connection between Romans 5:1 and having our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace?
- Is the shield of faith speaking of the faith of salvation or the ongoing conviction that “all God offers us through obedience is greater by far than anything this world or Satan offers me through sin and selfishness”?
- What all too often prevents us from wielding the shield of faith?
- What are some of the typical flaming arrows that Satan shoots at us?