

## THE ARMOR OF GOD

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Week 4: The Pathway to Peace

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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. Ephesians 6:10-15 (NIV)

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These aren't slippers for comfort...  
These are shoes that help you \_\_\_\_\_
2. Readiness... preparation.  
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What do I stand on? What do I stand in? What do I stand for?

The gospel (good news) of \_\_\_\_\_!

### 1. What is peace?

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The \_\_\_\_\_ source of peace

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Peace starts in our heart... in our soul.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts... Colossians 3:15 (NIV)

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### 2. What does peace protect me from?

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John 14:27 NIV

Peace protects me from falling prey to \_\_\_\_\_.

The world promotes \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus provides \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. How do I put on peace?

"Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers.

If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand." Philippians 4:6-7 (LB)

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## REVIEW IT

“Stand firm then... with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.” These aren’t running shoes to flee... These aren’t slippers for comfort... These are shoes that help you take your stand. We don’t want to lose our footing, we want to stand firm. What do we stand on? What do we stand in? What do we stand for? We stand for the gospel (good news) of peace.

What is peace? Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace. He is the source. What does peace protect me from? Peace protects me from falling prey to panic. The world promotes panic. Jesus provides peace. How do I put on peace? Pray... Thank... Think...

Spend some time in the word... **Read Ephesians chapter 2**

## TALK ABOUT IT

- What comes to your mind when you think of peace?
- Can you think of an example of someone who could have been panicking, but they were at peace?
- “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” Peace is not a concept, it’s a person. Jesus Christ. How can having Christ in our life give us peace in turmoil?

## ACT ON IT

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, **pray about everything**; tell God your needs, and **don’t forget to thank him** for his answers. 7 If you do this, **you will experience God’s peace**, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

PRAY... THANK... THINK... Have you ever done these things and experienced peace in a chaotic circumstance? What can you be thankful for? What do you need to pray about?

## PRAY ABOUT IT

Take some time to ask how you can pray for and support one another this week.