

Armor of God-Gospel Shoes of Peace

Ephesians 6:10-18

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, ***be strong in the Lord***, and in the power of his might.

¹¹ ***Put on the whole armour of God***, that ye may be able to stand against ***the wiles of the devil***.

¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

¹³ ***Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God***, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

¹⁵ ***And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace***;

¹⁶ Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

¹⁸ Praying always with ***all prayer and supplication in the Spirit***, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and ***supplication for all saints***;

Having our feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace.....What is the meaning of this doctrine that is associated with this? In the next few sections I hope to answer this question. This is the final piece of the spiritual armor that is attached to the body or as the scriptures say, to ***"HAVE"***. In the introduction to the spiritual armor, we covered what it meant to ***"be strong in the Lord"***.

Ephesians 6:11 tells us how to be strong in the Lord and to do this we need the spiritual armor of God through the effectual working of the Word (***1 Thessalonians 2:13***) placed in us. Before we discuss what it is, we will look at a verse to show their misapplication to the above understanding of the ***SPIRITUAL*** shoes of Peace.

Proverbs 4:26

²⁶ Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

In our battle against Satan, or “*the wiles of the Devil*”, which we showed were the doctrines, we come to understand that there is no physical materialization of our armor to fight back. To ponder our feet, would carry the connotation that our physical path before us should carry the Gospel of Peace. And though it should, this is **NOT** in reference to our spiritual armor for our feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. The above Proverb is **NOT** speaking about our personal walk in this dispensation of grace. The Proverb makes the shoes to be physical in nature and not spiritual. Keep in mind, the armor is for our conflict with Satan. They (***All our armor is defensive, but in the case, we are speaking about the Gospel shoes of Peace***) are a **DEFENSIVE MECHANISM**. What may one think is the position of the Christian today in the Heavens? (***Ephesians 2:6***) I would venture to say that the Christian is not standing in this warfare with Satan, but **KNEELING**.

Ephesians 6:18

¹⁸ ***Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit***, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and ***supplication for all saints***;

The believer that knows and understands rightly dividing the Word is kneeling, praying, that the believer who does not rightly divide the Word would also enter into this glorious knowledge of the truth.

Colossians 1:9-11

⁹ For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ***desire that ye might be FILLED with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding***; (***Supplication for the saints***)

¹⁰ That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

¹¹ Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

One can only fully understand the Word if they rightly divide it. But more importantly, what is the Gospel of peace and how did we obtain it?

Colossians 1:20

²⁰ And, having made **PEACE** through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Romans 5:1

5 Therefore being justified by faith, we have **PEACE** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

The peace we have is through the work of Jesus Christ on the cross. For us today, it is the belief in the death burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and for our justification. (**1 Cor. 15:1-4, 2 Cor. 5:19-21, Col. 2:10-13, Rom 4:23-25, Eph 1:13**). The Gospel of Peace is our Gospel of the Grace of God. We received this grace and peace when we believed and it became part of our spiritual armor **ATTACHED** to us. Doctrinally speaking, we must know and understand this in our fight with *"the wiles of the Devil"* because as many are well aware of, in the churches today, they preach the Kingdom Gospel of baptism for repentance instead of simple belief. (**Faith**) There are 2 sources of attack against this piece of armor:

1. The first attack is in the scriptures:

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

⁴ (**For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal**, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

⁵ **Casting down imaginations (Lies in the doctrines of God)**, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Satan will use the scriptures to deceive mankind and tell people that they need to get baptized for salvation today when this is **NOT** what God is saying when the Word is rightly divided. When someone says these things that are not true, we

cast them down with the Word of God similar to the way Jesus rebuked Satan when He was tested in the wilderness during His 40 day fast. This leads into the next attack in how Satan attacks the Gospel of Grace, and that is, by the mixing of the Kingdom Gospel with that of Grace. We discussed this briefly above, but now we will use the scriptures to shed further light on this subject. Compare the following verses:

James 2:17-18

¹⁷ Even so faith, if it hath **NOT WORKS**, is dead, being alone.

¹⁸ Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and ***I will shew thee my faith by MY WORKS.***

James 2:24

²⁴ Ye see then ***how that by works a man is justified, and NOT BY FAITH ONLY.***

Romans 4:5

⁵ But to him that ***WORKET NOT, BUT BELIEVETH*** on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Satan would offer up some great confusion with these verses. But once one can understand that James is speaking to the Jews about salvation under the Gospel of the Kingdom, then it can be much easier to discern that Paul was speaking about the Gospel of Grace during this dispensation. God's enemy is religion, and Satan stops at nothing to confuse the masses on the mixing up of the Gospels and the requirements for salvation. He tries to make those under the grace believe they **HAVE** to do something in order to be saved. This is completely false once you rightly divide the Word of Truth. Consider this imagination casted down by the Word of God rightly divided. Having our feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel shoes of Peace is being ready to cast down these imaginations (***2 Corinthians 10:4-5***) and standing against the "*wiles of the Devil*" doctrinally. This is a spiritual battle in nature as you are now beginning to see. We do this by understanding the doctrines associated with the armor and then cast them down with the Word of God, and not be carried "*to and fro*" by every lie that flies out of the mouth of Satan:

Ephesians 4:14

¹⁴ That we henceforth be no more children, ***tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine***, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Remember this? The spiritual sleight of hand with ***DOCTRINE***? In this spiritual battle, we are to stand firm in the truth of the Word that shows and explains the dispensational character of the Word of God and cast down “the wiles of the Devil”. The following verses will summarize the journey of the Gentiles from ages past to today:

Ephesians 2:1-3

2 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

² ***Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:***

³ Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Ephesians 2:5

⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, ***(by grace ye are saved;)***

Ephesians 2:13

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus ***ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.***

Ephesians 2:14-17

¹⁴ ***For he (Jesus Christ) is our PEACE***, who hath made both one, and hath ***broken down the middle wall of partition between us; (See Ephesians 2:12)***

¹⁵ Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, ***even the law of commandments contained in ordinances***; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

¹⁶ And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

¹⁷ ***And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.***

In times past, we were alienated from the commonwealth and the promise of salvation from the fall at the tower of Babel. ***(Speaking about Gentiles only)*** But by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, His shed blood and our belief, then the outpouring of God's grace unto us, we were brought near. This belief in the finished work of the cross is what made our peace with God. Knowing and understanding this ***IS*** our Gospel Shoes of Peace. This is how we fight the battle with Satan as he mixes up the message for those who live under grace. Satan uses religion and works based salvation to confuse people and place them under the law. It is these imaginations that we cast down with the Word of God in our spiritual warfare. I pray that this has shed light on what and how we are to fight against Satan today....

