

# EPHESIANS

God's Provisions for His Church

Section III

## **The Believer's Warfare**

Chapter 6:10 – 24

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## **“The Armor of God”**

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# **“The Armor of God”**

## **Peace and Faith**

### **Intro:**

We saw last week our spiritual battles were not a **one** time event but a **daily** occurrence.

We also noticed that our **enemy**, Satan and his evil minions we **very** well organized, intelligent and exceptionally strong. We have **no** hope of defeating them in the strength of **our** flesh, so we are admonished to stand firm in the **strength** of the Lord.

**Every** Christian is to be engaged in this spiritual battle. As we have become a part of **God's** kingdom we are now the enemy of Satan and his **attacks** against us are **assured**.

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Intro: No Christian can be **demon** possessed; our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Satan doesn't work from **within** us but outside us pandering to our **fallenness** inside, the fleshly desires of that part of us **not** yet regenerated.

**Romans 7:14-20**

As we go into battle we **need** to remember:

1. Satan is a **vanquished** foe; **Hebrews 2:14, 1 Jn. 3:8**
2. Although vanquished he is still **lethal** and hostile to those who are **unaware** of his schemes. **2 Cor. 2:11, 1 Pet. 5:8**

We need to be **alert**, sober minded, and thinking **biblically** at all times.

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### **I. Boots for the Battle**

To prepare for **battle** we must have appropriate shoes on our feet. We are told to have our feet **shod** with the readiness that comes from the **Gospel** of Peace.

The Greeks and Romans had **proper** footwear to protect them from the enemy's **tactics** and so they could stand their ground and **fight**. They wore them whether or not they were in a battle. They were **always** prepared to fight.

As this command of Paul's is in the Greek **middle** voice, it is up to us to see to it that we **appropriate** God's gracious provision of our **Boots** for Battle.

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### **I. Boots for the Battle**

The term, “Gospel of Peace does **not** refer to any kind of **evangelism**. We’re at war; we need to stand **firm** and fight. **1 Cor. 16:13**.

The **Readiness** that comes from the Gospel of peace is the **peace** we have knowing we are at peace with God and that **He** is on our **side**. **Romans 5:1**

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### II. Shield of Faith

If we are always **complaining** about our situation it means we are **defeated** in battle. Instead, we are to **rejoice** always, **Phil. 4:4**, and give thanks in all **circumstances**, **1 Thess. 5:18**.

We need to remember a few things about the **attacks** of Satan:

1. We need not be **surprised** at Satan's attacks, that's his nature; he will attack us so don't **complain**.

2. God **allows** those attacks so we can **mature** in our faith, **James 1:2-4**.

**Spurgeon** comments: Like Spartans, every Christian is **born** a warrior. It is his destiny to be **assaulted**; it is his duty to **attack**.



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This Shield of Faith **extinguishes** the flaming arrows, to **prevent** their fire of deception, lies and discouragement from **spreading**.

Faith here is not **what** you believe, it is **how** you believe and in **whom** you believe.

Faith is **acting** upon our belief in who Christ is, our **belt** of truth, our **breastplate** of righteousness, our **Gospel** of peace, and our **shield** of faith.