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POWERFUL ARMOR OF GOD

Shoes of the Gospel of Peace

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[Ephesians 6.10-15 NIV]

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. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

This is the day of SHOES

- Shoes for everything... Sports, Church, FlipFlops, even Bowling
- Paul wants us to know GOD has shoes for SPIRITUAL WARFARES

...your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Roman Soldier's Shoes

- SPIKES protruding out the bottom / CLEATS on Sport Shoes
- Gave Roman Soldiers sure footing
- Not easily knocked over

BIBLE SAYS... When the day of evil come we can STAND

- We can be SURE FOOTED in God's shoes

Many know what it's like to be **KNOCKED** over

- Circumstances / Situations / Other People
- Finances / Job Situation.....

It has Removed you from your place of **STABILITY**

- God tells us over & over to **STAND FIRM**....
We accomplish this with His Shoes -vs 15
- God wants to Create **STABILITY** in our lives while **Under ATTACK**

I Wish I could Tell you, Now that you know Jesus, You won't be under attack

- That would be a LIE...
- Once you belong to Jesus..... **YOU'RE UNDER ATTACK!**



ESSENCE of this ATTACK.... Goal of devil & demons....

Keep God's Purposes, Will, Provisions, Blessings
From being manifested in your life


- devil **CAN'T** take away your Salvation....
he can make you a miserable Christian
- He wants to keep your Salvation from working for you
- Can't keep you out of Heaven.... make you have hell on earth
- **devil's GOAL in Spiritual Warfare.....**
Keep you in defeat and on Defense

BELT OF TRUTH

BREASTPLATE of RIGHTEOUSNESS

Now God wants us to **STAND FIRM** Not lose ground

SHOES OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

 **PEACE** ...The Opposite is Anxiety

DEFINITION: Calm & Tranquility of Soul....
In Midst of Difficult (external) circumstances

- Everything is Wrong... Nothing looks right - You're still SINGING
- Tranquility is on INSIDE when **Chaos** on OUTSIDE
- Biblical Peace is when All HELL Breaks Loose... you're still Thankful to God

This PEACE is called.....

“PEACE THAT PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING”

- Reason you don't understand.... you *“Shouldn't”* be Peaceful right now

Christian...

If PEACE isn't your Normal Way Operating.... You're out of Sink Spiritually

- If WORRY is normal.... If ANXIETY is normal....
You are spiritually Barefoot
- (Everyone has moments of Worry... we are still in flesh)



PEACE is to be the NORMAL WAY of CHRISTIAN'S LIFE

Jesus, ~~ON HIS WAY TO BE KILLED~~, says this....



[John 14.27 NIV]

Peace 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.

The WORLD can give you Peace... **Momentarily**

- Pill Popping Peace....
- Drunk.... High.....
- Entertainment.... But the fretting, worry, anxiety all return!!!

Difference between JESUS' PEACE & WORLD'S PEACE

- World's come from OUTSIDE
- Jesus' comes from INSIDE.....

Jesus want's us to have HIS PEACE.... **HOW??**

(by having)your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Scripture tells us that the.....

PEACE that JESUS is gives us is found in the GOSPEL

(QUICKLY)

GOSPEL = Good News

Romans 5.10

For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

- Death & Resurrection of Jesus for our sins.... SAVED
- Most Christians apply ONLY what it takes to get to HEAVEN....
That's only **PART** of GOOD NEWS

We know the Gospel for His DEATH....

We're missing the Gospel of the LIFE



[1 Thessalonians 5.23 NKJV]

*Now may the God of peace Himself **sanctify** you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

- When we accepted Jesus... we're JUSTIFIED!
God declared us RIGHTEOUS... we go to heaven
- Rest of your time on Earth... Being SANCTIFIED....
Our SOUL is being TRANSFORMED



Holy Spirit Transforms us from SPIRIT, to SOUL, to BODY
ORDER is EVERYTHING

- If you're looking out "Here" for Peace... **Going in WRONG Direction**

If the BODY is malfunctioning... it's because we have Malfunctioning SOUL

- **MIND** malfunctioning **EMOTIONS** malfunctioning **CHOICES** malfunctioning

- Malfunctioning Soul Leads to malfunctioning Body

- Broken body CAN'T fix yourself!
- That's why NewYears Resolution don't last

If you want to change your **ACTIONS** you have to have your **SOUL** Transformed

- BUT, here again..... our SOUL is broken.....
 - Affected by how we're **RASIED**
 - **SINS** committed
 - Affected by people's sins **AGAINST ME**

- Problems in the SOUL affect the Body..... what to do!
 - When my SOUL full of worry... my body starts twitching
 - Called **psychosomatic**
 - The damages SOUL is rubbing off on Body

- When we lose our PEACE... It's lost in the SOUL
 - Why our Bodies can't sleep
 - Why body gets mad... temper... **YOU CUSS**

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SANCTIFICATION

Job of the SPIRIT is to **RELEASE GOD'S DNA** into the SOUL

- So the SOUL gets Changed by SPIRIT
- Then the SOUL releases God's DNS into the BODY
- Reason we don't have PEACE... the SOUL's not RECEIVING from the SPIRIT

How do we get the SOUL to receive from the SPIRIT???

- The SOUL must AGREE with the SPIRIT
- If the SOUL DISAGREES with the SPIRIT... it won't release anything

SPIRIT will only partner with SOUL if Soul agrees with what SPIRIT SAYS!!!

- That's why we must Start with TRUTH!!! despite how you feel

If our SOUL accepts from outside...
The SPIRIT will clam up and release nothing!

**Why Smith Gigglesworth didn't want newspaper in his home
ONLY GOD'S WORD..... TRUTH!!!!!!**

Why Dr. Sumrall said "Feed your faith and starve your doubts to death"



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May the God of Peace....

Send PEACE from the SPIRIT into the SOUL so it winds up in BODY

- Your SOUL (will) has a CHOICE...
- When FACTS describe a situation that causes worry...
- The SOUL must retreat to the SPIRIT and find out what IT SAYS

FACTS: I don't have any money

SPIRIT: My God shall supply all my needs.....

"I have been young and now I am old,
Yet I have not seen the righteous (those in right standing with God)
abandoned Or his descendants pleading for bread.

FACTS DON'T LIE.... they describe the chaos outside

SPIRIT describes what TRUTH has to say on the matter

FACTS: The enemy had ELISHA Surrounded... they were dead to rights!

SPIRIT: Opened up servant eyes and said.....

"I've got something to say on the matter!"

CHRISTIANS lose their PEACE and worry God won't take care of them.....

[1 Thessalonians 6.25-33 NIV] Jesus speaking....

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

TRUTH SAYS:

- You are Important.... more than other creation
- I will feed you / I will cloth you
- I will take care of your NEEDS

My people perish for lack of knowledge (Hosea 4)

- Christian perish for lack of the TRUTH!!!! GOD's Words
- Church is weak today because we reject TRUTH