

# ARMOR of GOD - Spiritual Warfare Wear

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## Week 3 - SHOES OF PEACE - A Peace "FIX"

We're in the third week of our study in Spiritual Warfare.

- Week One: Truth – Knowing Right from Wrong
- Week Two: Righteousness – Doing Right from Wrong
- Week Three: Peace – Being at Peace in the Midst of Battle

### **Ephesians 6:10-18**

*<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> **and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.** <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

*<sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

- "Stand your ground, putting on the sturdy belt of truth [WEEK ONE]
- and the body armor of God's righteousness [WEEK TWO]
- [TONIGHT] For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the good news so that you'll be fully prepared."

## **1. A PICTURE OF PEACE**

### **A. Peace with GOD**

#### **Colossians 1:20**

*... by him [Jesus] God reconciled everything to himself. He [God] made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of his blood on the cross*

### **B. Peace with OTHERS**

#### **Romans 12:18**

*If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

#### **2 Corinthians 13:11**

*...Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you..*

### **C. Peace with YOURSELF**

#### **Romans 8:6**

*The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.*

#### **John 14:27**

*"I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give isn't like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid"*

- THE WORLD OVER PROMISES AND UNDER DELIVERS - Infomercials
- Peace doesn't mean that your life won't be complicated.
- Peace doesn't mean that there won't be chaos in your soul.
- Peace means that in the midst of all the trouble, you'll have **confidence** and have **contentment**.  
*Painting Contest - Bird sitting in nest as storm rages around it!*

## ENEMIES OF PEACE

### Personal Enemies

Bad Drivers  
Unreturned Shopping Carts  
Out of Control Children  
Junk Mail/Email  
No Turn Signals!!!

### Universal Enemies

Stress  
Noise  
Information Overload  
Relational Conflict  
ME

## WAYS WE BATTLE THE ENEMY

- Worry - Try to Control - Procrastinate - Purchase
- These keep us in a reactive state! (*Like trying to wake up my brother Mark!*)
- You can't have Peace if you have
  - FEAR GUILT ANGER
- You can't fake peace. It's like cockroaches: when the lights are on, you don't see them – but they're still there!
- You can always pick out a person with peace. No matter what rages around them – they have peace.

## 2. A SPIRITUAL *FIX*

### **Philippians 4:6-9** (NLT)

*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. And now, dear brothers and sisters let me say one more thing as I close this letter. Fix [Circle "FIX"] your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned from me and heard from me and saw me doing, and the God of peace will be with you.*

### A. **[F]** FILTER the Noise (verse 8)

Fix your thoughts on thing that are:

- True and honorable and right.
- Pure and lovely and admirable.
- Excellent and worthy of praise.

*That's why we don't allow iPods on Missions Trips*

- Try a 24 hour "Sound Fast"
- Must-see TV – there's nothing must-see about that.
- Scriptures say must be still:

### **Psalms 46:10**

*"Be still and know that I am God."*

**B. [I] INVESTIGATE for Truth (verse 9)**

**Philippians 4:9**

*Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me — put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*

- What we're saying here is basically – Just Do It (God's Way!)
- Stop doing it the world's way!

**C. [X] X-OUT the Enemies of Peace!**

X – the reason I use “X”, X is a symbol for Christ. During the holiday season, what do you see? Xmas. Christmas. X means the Christ. Therefore to X out fear, anger and guilt is to replace anger, fear and guilt with Christ.

**Romans 5:1**

*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,.*

**Matthew 11:28-30**

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

**One Last Thought:**

**You have a choice:**

**Keep playing games and AVOID peace or pursue God's FIX and experience His peace.**