

The Whole Armor of God (Part 3-The Gospel of Peace)

Scripture

“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;” (Eph 6:13-17 NKJV)

Devotion

The Roman soldier wore protection on his feet. The covering would keep his feet from being damaged by thorns and the like, and they often had nails protruding from the bottom to secure their stance. Whether marching or fighting, secure footing was a must.

We stand or fall by the Gospel. “Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,” (1Co 15:1-4 NKJV)

If we try to stand on any other ground, we are sure to stumble. The tendency is to try and live by sight, to do something to gain or secure our place in heaven. “But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior” (Tit 3:4-6 NKJV).

Rehearsing the Gospel, keeping it ready, being prepared, will secure your walk. After all, how can one remember how our Lord suffered and not be humbled by such love? Knowing that He has risen, and that we too will someday rise again affords us tremendous confidence to face all foes, even to walk in the shadow of death without fear.



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