



Carry the Light

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Review

Our theme for 2017 is “Carry the Light.” We must “carry the light” while engaged in spiritual warfare.

The conduct of a true Christian, one who is genuinely “born again,” is the outcome of a doctrinal foundation. We are **“living out our faith,”** and our testimony indicates the quality of it, be it good or bad.

As I believe, therefore I live.

We need to believe that spiritual warfare is real, face it, fight it, & live victoriously!

- I. THE REALITY OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE
- II. THE REASON FOR SPIRITUALWARFARE
- III. THE RUSE OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE
- IV. THE RESPONSE TO SPIRITUAL WARFARE

A. A Word of Encouragement, 6:10

Eph. 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

B. A Word of Enlightenment, 6:11

Eph. 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, **that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**

C. A Word of Enablement, 6:12-17

Eph. 6:12 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*.

1. The Arena, 6:12

a. The Opportunity – 12a “For we wrestle...”

b. The Opposition – 12b-e “...against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.”

2. The Armor, 6:13-17

a. The Demand, 6:13

Eph. 6:13 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.

b. The Description, 6:14-17

(1) What we sow, 6:14a “Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth...”

- **The Prominence of the girdle.**
 - All truth is God's truth.
- **The Principle of the girdle**
- **The Purpose of the girdle.**

Luke 12:35 Let your **loins be girded** about, and **your lights burning**;

(2) What we show, 6:14b "...having on the breastplate of righteousness; "

- **The Protection by Having on the Breastplate of Righteousness**



<http://www.freebiblestudyguides.org/bible-teachings/armor-of-god-breastplate-of-righteousness.htm>

- The Breastplate is designed to protect the heart.
- The Breastplate Symbolizes the Righteousness of Christ.
- The Breastplate of Righteousness Symbolizes Salvation.
- Man's self-righteousness is a snare, and is not for safety.
- The righteousness of man is insufficient for salvation.
- Salvation is completely dependent upon the Righteousness of Christ!
 - The Breastplate Symbolizes the Righteousness of Christ.
- **The Proof of Having on the Breastplate of Righteousness**
 - The Breastplate Symbolizes the Righteousness of a Christian.
 - The Breastplate Symbolizes Righteousness that is Consistent.
 - The Breastplate Symbolizes Righteousness that is a Conviction.

- The shallow worldliness of today's Christianity is due to gross spiritual immaturity or lack of salvation!
- A spiritual Christian is a separated Christian.
- A spiritual Christian lives a life of holiness!
 - The Breastplate Symbolizes Righteousness that is Crowning.

The sandals of the Roman soldier "often were fitted with nails, or armed with spikes, to make the hold firm in the ground" (*Albert Barnes' Notes on the Bible*).



<http://www.freebiblestudyguides.org/bible-teachings/armor-of-god-shoes-of-preparation-gospel-of-peace.htm>

Eph. 6:14 “Stand therefore...”



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(3) Where we go, 6:15 “And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;”

- The verse begins with the conjunction – “And...” – which connects it to verse 14.

Eph. 6:14 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;

- The connection means that we are to add this “preparation” to complement the “loins girt...with truth” and “having on the breastplate of righteousness.”
- After salvation has changed us on the inside, it should affect our walk on the outside.

Phil. 2:13 For **it is God which worketh in you** both **to will** and **to do** of *his* good pleasure.

- The Scriptures tell us not to be tossed to and fro with every wind of doctrine. (Eph. 4:14)
- Our feet are necessary for stability, keeping us from being tossed to and fro.
- In this passage a believer’s feet is to be “shod” – the past participle of “shoe.”
- To “shoe” is to provide or fit with a shoe or shoes.

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/shod?s=t>

- The believer is to be “shod with the preparation”

Original Word: ἑτοιμασία

Transliteration: hetoimasia

Definition: foundation, firm footing; preparation, readiness.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2091.htm>

1 Pet. 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

1. Being righteous on the inside = “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts...”
2. Being prepared to witness to those on the outside = “...and **be ready always** to *give* an answer to every man...”

- The preparation is “of the gospel of peace:” The *Good News* that is related to peace.
- A believer, ready for warfare, must include this preparation for the feet.

Rom. 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, **How beautiful are the feet** of them that **preach the gospel of peace**, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Why is it called the “gospel of PEACE”?

- A believer must first know the “peace WITH God.”

Jn. 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and **he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.**

Isa. 59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

2 But **your iniquities** have separated between you and your God, and **your sins** have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.

Isa. 48:22 *There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.*
(See Isa. 57:21)

Isa. 38:17 **Behold, for peace I had great bitterness:** but **thou hast in love to my soul** *delivered it* from the pit of corruption: for **thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.**

Psa. 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, **so far hath he removed our transgressions** from us.

Rom. 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, **we have peace WITH God** through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace **wherein we stand**, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Rom. 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and **peace**, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

- A believer must know the “peace OF God.”

Phil. 4:7 And **the peace of God**, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your **hearts and minds** through Christ Jesus.

Col. 3:15 And let **the peace of God** rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Psa. 119:165 **Great peace have they which love thy law:** and nothing shall offend them.

Isa. 26:3 **Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee:** because he trusteth in thee.

- When a believer has peace WITH God, then lives a life with the peace OF God, then that believer is ready to win the battles of spiritual warfare

Phil. 1:27 Only **let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ:** that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, **that ye stand fast** in one spirit, **with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;**
28 And **in nothing terrified by your adversaries:** which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

Conclusion

The best witnessing plan is...

ALL THE TIME, EVERYWHERE

Eph. 2:14 For **he is our peace**, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*;

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.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

