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Eph 6:10-18



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A. Satan is a REAL enemy

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B. The Enemy's Mission

- **John 10:10** - The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

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C. The Enemy's Philosophy

- His philosophy is to offer an alternative
(*counterfeit*) Kingdom
 1. Through False Religions
 2. Through a False Lifestyle

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A. The Kingdom of Darkness is an organized Sovereignty, recognized by the Kingdom of Heaven

- This **Kingdom** consist of :
 - 1. Satan*
 - 2. Unbelievers*
 - 3. Fallen Angels (aka. Evil Spirits, Demons)*

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- **Principalities/ Powers (Arche)** - - *Primary/Preeminent Rulers; Chief Ruler*
- **Powers/Authority (Exousia)** - - *Delegated influence: authority, jurisdiction*
- **The Rulers of the Darkness of this age** - *The architects & planners of present day Evil*
- **Spiritual Wickedness in heavenly places (Pōnēria)** - *they deliver malicious attacks on believers in the heavenlies/ spiritual attacks*

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A. We were introduced to' 2 weapons' needed in our battle against the enemy

1. The Belt of Truth

- Truth, we defined as: *that which is absolute (unmixed,pure), genuine (original,real,unaffected) and authentic(unquestionable, bona fide)*
- My Reality, facts, or actuality **must conform** to **TRUTH** and its standards and norms



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1. The Breastplate of Righteousness

- **Righteousness means:**
 - *Blameless, Innocent, In right standing*
 - People are not '*made right*' in a moral sense, but '*declared to be in the right*' in a judicial sense
- **The Muscle Cuirass or Heroic Cuirass**
 - The cuirass was either molded to the shape of a man's torso
OR
 - It would have impressions showcasing the various heroic gods
- His **Righteousness** gives us the credentials needed in order to stand before our enemy and declare....**VICTORY**

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A. The shoes of the Gospel of Peace

- ... (lit) *"having underbound the feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace*

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B. Our translation:

- *...and having put on the readiness (state of readiness) given by the gospel of peace;*



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- *Preparation (hetoimasías)- readiness; equipment*

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1. What is the Gospel of Peace?

- It is the Good news of the Kingdom; which is also the very **Power of GOD!**
- **(1 Co 1:18)**. *For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God*
- **(Ro 1:16)**. *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes*

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- **Caligae** (Latin; singular *caliga*) were heavy-soled hob-nailed military boot which was worn by Roman soldiers.
- The caliga resembles a sandal that had cleats on the soles. The cleats or hob-nails was for providing a means to establish a firm footing during battle

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1. The term “*Readiness*”

- Is a military/combative term for a soldier that meant he was to be in a “*state of readiness*”.
- **MEANING:** *He was to be ready to execute his assigned mission or task*

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1. The Meaning (Symbolism) of Feet

- In scripture, feet are symbolic to having **dominion/authority over a person or place**



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- *(Ps 8:4-6). What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?*
- *For you have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of your hands;*
- *You have put all things under his feet*
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- *(Josh 1:3) Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.*



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- *¹³ For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”^[7]*
- *¹⁴ But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? ¹⁵ And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!”^[8]*
- **(Ro 10:13-15 NLT)**

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1. Define Faith

- It is simply having complete trust and confidence in the person (*who he is*), word (*what he says*) and works (*what he does*) of God

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1.The Roman Shield

The greek- **Thureon**: (Θυρεόν) *shield*, is from θύρα *door*, because it was shaped like a door.





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- OUR oil is a type of the Holy Spirit



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- **How are we anointing our Shield?**
- **(Eph 20)**. ...building yourselves up on your most holy faith, **praying** in the Holy Spirit...
- **(Ro 8:26)**. Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but **the** Spirit Himself makes intercession **for** us with groanings which cannot be uttered

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I. Failure to Anoint Your Shield

- *Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell slain on Mount Gilboa. Then the Philistines followed hard after Saul and his sons. And the Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul's sons. The battle became fierce against Saul. The archers hit him, and he was severely wounded by the archers (1 Sa 31:1-3)*
- *O mountains of Gilboa, Let there be no dew nor rain upon you, Nor fields of offerings. For the shield of the mighty is cast away there! The shield of Saul, not anointed with oil. (2 Sam 1:21)*
- *....Saul's shield was never rubbed with olive oil (God's Word)*



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