



Armour of God

The Shoes of the Gospel

Ephesians 6:10-17
Romans 10:14-15



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¹⁰ 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.

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1 Peter 3:15

¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. **Always be prepared to give an answer** to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.





Some people are **walking barefoot on the battlefield.**

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peace: *shalom* (Hebrew)

wholeness, completeness: at peace **with God, each other, our inner-self, and the earth.**



A photograph showing five wooden blocks arranged in a row, spelling out the word "TRUTH". Each block has a small number in the bottom right corner: 'T' with '1', 'R' with '1', 'U' with '1', 'T' with '1', and 'H' with '4'. The blocks are set against a light blue background with dried blue and yellow flowers on the left side.

T₁ R₁ U₁ T₁ H₄

The ultimate defence is **being prepared to respond to the lies of the enemy with **truly** good news.**



Matthew 4:5-7

⁵ Then the devil took Jesus to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“ ‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’ ^[a] ”

⁷ Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ^[b] ”

[a] Psalm 91:11,12

[b] Deuteronomy 6:16



Readiness also means wearing **appropriate gospel footwear** for the distortion you will likely encounter.

Ephesians 6:13

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**.





Romans 10:12-15

¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,
¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” [a]

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? **As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”** [b]

[a] Joel 2:32

[b] Isaiah 52:7



Isaiah 52:1-3

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Put on your garments of splendor, Jerusalem, the holy city.

The uncircumcised and defiled will not enter you again.

² **Shake off your dust;** rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem.

Free yourself from the chains on your neck, Daughter Zion,
now a captive.

³ For this is what the Lord says: “You were sold for nothing, and
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God's subversive message of wholeness **has always been** for the entire world.



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Isaiah 52:7

⁷ How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who
bring **good news**, who **proclaim peace**, who bring good
tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God
reigns!”



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Keep your shoes clean.

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DEFENCE or OFFENCE

**Don't just be reactive,
be **ready**.**



NO BAREFOOT