

Full Armor of God Week 4: Shoes of Peace
Sunday February 23rd, 2020

Ephesians 6:10-11 (NLT, pg. 980) A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.

Ephesians 6:13-18 (NLT, pg. 980-981)

Shoes of Peace

In the Bible peace is not just a physical reality, but highly _____.

Ephesians 6:15 (NLT) For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.

True peace is found through the _____ of Jesus.

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NLT, pg. 572) For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!

Isaiah 53:5-6 (NLT, pg. 610) But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.

John 14:27 (NLT, pg. 897) "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.

Romans 5:1 (NLT, pg. 938) Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

Without peace I am unprepared for battle and will be easily _____.

Peace brings _____.

Ephesians 2:14,16 (NLT, pg. 978) For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us... Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.

Peace brings acceptance and _____ beyond our understanding.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT, pg. 985) Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Peace brings _____.

John 16:33 (NLT, pg. 898) "I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

How do I find true peace in my journey?

1. The first step toward peace is about your relationship with _____.

1 Peter 3:11 (NLT, pg. 1025) Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it.

2. The second step toward peace is about your relationship with _____.

Hebrews 12:14-15 (NLT, pg. 1017) Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord. Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.

Final Thought: Biblical peace focuses on relationships; without it the very _____ of your faith is at risk. Are you at peace with God and with other people?

Full Armor of God week 4 discussion questions

In your experience, how much does your feet and/or your shoes effect you? Read Ephesians 2:11-18. Early in the letter Paul is already describing the physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual ramifications of peace. What stands out to you in this introduction of peace? Do you think shoes is a fitting description of how peace is defined and applied in spiritual warfare? Why or why not?

“True peace is found in the gospel of Jesus.” How has Jesus brought peace into your life? Read Colossians 1:19-23. Does this passage describe your faith journey? Why or why not? Once you find peace through Jesus, we have a job to do. Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-21. What is our role in God’s plan to usher in true world peace? How well are you doing and fulfilling that job? Explain.

In your opinion, what is the difference between a peace maker and a peacekeeper? Was Jesus a peace maker? Why or why not? (what Biblical stories/passages support your position?) Read John 14:27. How have you seen these words of Jesus be true in your life? Compare John 14:27 to Matthew 10:34-39. How can both of these claims of Jesus be true? Explain.

How much peace is in your daily journey? Are you at peace with God? Are you at peace with other people? Read Romans 14:12-23. How does this passage connect to the shoes of peace? Re-read verse 17. How does this verse connect to all of the armor we have studied so far? Explain Read 1 Peter 3:8-12. What action steps does Peter give to “search for peace and seek to maintain it”? What do you need to do or change to find more peace in your life?