

The Armor of God PART 3

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John 14:27 _____

MAIN TAKEAWAY

God's peace is not based on perfect circumstances, it is the firm foundation, stability, and security that comes from having a relationship with God and putting on the shoes of peace daily through God's Word.

Big idea: The armor of God is the **knowledge** and **proper application** of God's Word.

KEY SCRIPTURES & TAKEAWAYS

Ephesians 6:10-18 NLT A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. ¹⁴ Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. ¹⁵ For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. ¹⁶ In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. ¹⁷ Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

- a. There are 7 pieces in the armor of God and we're instructed to put all pieces of the armor every day.

What is Biblical peace?

1. Peace often looks like the eye of the storm.
2. **John 14:27 NLT** "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."
 - a. Jesus left an inner confidence that God is with you regardless of the storms around you.

The Gospel of Peace helps us to:

1. Stand firm.
2. Stay stable.
3. Stay secure.

Matthew 7:24 NLT “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.

- a. Being a doer of the Word, putting on our shoes of peace every day we’re on a firm foundation no matter what storms surround us.

Ephesians 6:13 NLT Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

- a. We must put on our shoes daily.
- b. Don’t wear yesterday’s armor into today’s a battle.

Peace is not found in circumstances, but in Jesus alone.

How to put on peace daily:

1. Prioritize your relationship with God.
 - a. Set an atmosphere of peace (have a place)
 - b. Have a period of time.
 - c. Have a plan (resources to stay focused and avoid distractions.)
2. Create margin
 - a. It’s not peaceful when you’re rushing.
 - b. We can’t arrive with peace when we’re coming out of chaos.
 - c. Jesus moved with purpose, not pressure.
3. Practice gratitude
 - a. **Philippians 4:6-9 NLT** Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷Then 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.⁸ And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. ⁹Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

- b. What you focus on determines your level of peace. When you're not in peace, evaluate what you're looking at, listening to and focusing on.

Are you a peacemaker or a drama maker?

- a. The peace from your prayer closet should go with you out into the world.

How to bring peace:

1. Get good at your gift

- a. **1 Samuel 16:16 NLT**

2. Take responsibility (apologize, forgive, stop being defensive)

- a. **Proverbs 17:14 NLT** Starting a quarrel is like opening a floodgate, so stop before a dispute breaks out.

- b. **Proverbs 21:9 NLT** It's better to live alone in the corner of an attic than with a quarrelsome wife in a lovely home.

- c. **Colossians 3:12-15 NLT** Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

- d. **James 4:7 NLT** So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Peace is not a product for purchase, peace is a person and His name is Jesus.

REFLECT & REVISIT

This week read **John 14:27** and reflect on how God's peace does not come from the world, it does not depend on our circumstances but is found in Jesus alone. Because of this, we can have perfect peace even in the middle of battles we may be facing. This week choose one practical way to put on the shoes of peace by prioritizing your relationship with God, creating margin or practicing gratitude.