

**“Equipped To Fight, Part 2”**  
**Ephesians 6:14-15**  
**Sermon Series: “The Fight Of Your Life”**

**Main Idea: We are equipped to fight our spiritual enemy by putting on the armor of God. We are told to put on righteousness and peace, both of which come from the gospel.**

**1. We equip ourselves for the fight by putting on righteousness.**

Brian Borgman and Rob Ventura write, “In Paul’s day, the soldier’s breastplate was a layer of metal or very tough leather that covered the soldier from his neck to his navel, both front and back. The breastplate provided crucial protection from mortal wounds. This description informs our understanding of our spiritual warfare. The breastplate was a chief piece of defensive armor for a soldier because it protected his vital organs during battle, and it serves the same function for us spiritually in our battle with Satan. As inconceivable as it is that a soldier would go to war without protecting his vital organs, it should be even more inconceivable for us that we would enter into warfare with the devil without protecting ourselves. Spiritually speaking, this breastplate covers one of the main areas the devil seeks to attack most often—our hearts.”

**Job (Job 9:2) asked the question, “But how can a man be righteous before God?”** It is a great question because our righteousness is like filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). This is the answer.

**A. Imputed Righteousness:** This is gift righteousness that comes to us in justification. It happens when our sin is placed on Jesus’ account, and His perfect righteousness is credited to our account by grace through faith. It comes through Jesus’ perfect obedience and atoning death on the cross. God forgives us of our sin and declares us to be righteous in His sight. We are justified. Have you ever wondered how you can be sinful and forgiven at the same time? Or have you ever wondered how you can still sin and not lose your salvation? This is the answer (**2 Corinthians 5:21, Colossians 1:21-22, Romans 3:19-26**).

**B. Imparted Righteousness:** This is righteousness in practice that comes through sanctification (Ephesians 4:21-24). It happens through:

**-Surrender and Obedience (Romans 6:12-16)**

**-Confession (Proverbs 28:13, John 13:6-10)**

**2. We equip ourselves for the fight by putting on peace.**

Borgman and Ventura write, “Along with belt and breastplate, proper footgear was a vital piece of equipment for a first-century Roman soldier. Often involved in close-range combat, he needed to be sure-footed since losing his balance due to inadequate footwear could hasten his demise in battle. To fight well, he needed to move quickly and decisively and therefore required solid footing.

Scholars tell us that the Roman soldier wore shoes that were leather half-boots or sandals tied with straps at the ankles and shins. The soles were thick leather, having hollow-headed hobnails under them that greatly improved the warrior’s balance. These were like the athletic cleats football and baseball players wear in our day, providing the fighters a firm connection to the ground and an enhanced stability wherever they turned. Without such footgear, a soldier would never be ready for combat. He would never be able to withstand the attack of the opponent.

Paul tells us that as spiritual soldiers in Jesus’ army, we are to have properly equipped feet.”

**A. Peace With God (Romans 5:1).** There is no peace with God apart from righteousness. Peace comes through justification (Isaiah 57:21).

**B. The Peace of God (John 14:27, Galatians 5:22).**

**C. Peace With Others (Matthew 5:23-24, Ephesians 4:32, Ephesians 4:26-27).**

**D. Share the Gospel of Peace (Romans 10:14-15).**

### **Conclusion-Applications:**

**Christians:** Who do you need to share the gospel of peace with? How can you support the sending of missionaries? Do you need to make peace with someone else by apologizing and/or forgiving? Do you need to be filled with the Spirit to experience the peace of God? Are there sins you need to confess? Steps of obedience you need to take?

**If you are not yet a Christian, you need the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Are you sure that you have it?**

**-Luke 18:9-14**

**-Romans 3:23**

**-Romans 6:23**

**-Romans 5:8**

**-Romans 10:9-10, 13**