



Ephesians 6:15-16

Stand in Gospel Readiness

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Stand Ready for Battle

Ephesians 6:15 (ESV)

and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the **readiness given by the gospel of peace.**

- This verse is an allusion to Isaiah 52:7 LXX
- We must be grounded in the gospel which makes us sure footed to stand solidly
- "Peace" is an important word regarding salvation (Eph. 2:14-16)
- Peace with God refutes Satan's accusations

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The Shield of Faith

Ephesians 6:16a (ESV)

In all circumstances take up the **shield of faith...**

- "Take up" is literally "having taken up" and is the 4th participle modifying "stand!"
- "Shield" refers to a large heavy shield made of wood planks, leather, canvas, and having metal trim on the top and bottom
- Faith in this context refers to our faith in God's gospel promises

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Power to Stand

Ephesians 6:16b (ESV)

...with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one

- "Can" is *dunamai* – power of ability
- Faith is the means by which the believer can extinguish the evil one's fiery darts
- The evil one will tempt us to trust the "old man" (Eph. 4:22) rather put on the "new man" which has been created in holiness

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Implications and Applications

- We must have peace with God or the battle is lost
- Believers are always under attack but are not in the realm of the evil one
- We are able to overcome the accuser because of faith in Christ's finished work on our behalf

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Peace With God

Romans 5:1 (NASB)

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ

- This implies reconciliation with God, not a mental state of serenity
- Having been justified is also in Rom. 5:9 using the same aorist passive participle
- Rom. 5:10 confirms the meaning of reconciled enemies

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Kept From the Evil One

1 John 5:18-19 (NASB)

We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God **keeps him**, and the evil one does not touch him. We know that **we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.**

- It is Christ who keeps us (Jn 17:12, 15)
- We are not in Satan's realm of sin but in Christ's realm of righteousness

Overcoming the Accuser

Revelation 12:10b-11 (NASB)

"Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for **the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down**, he who accuses them before our God day and night. And **they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb** and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death."