

"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. 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. 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. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and **the body armor of God's righteousness ("breastplate of righteousness" - NIV). For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.** In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere."

### THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

- \_\_\_\_\_ a believer's most vital organ = HEART  
"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life." PROV 4:23
- Righteousness is right \_\_\_\_\_ with God  
Righteousness is a \_\_\_\_\_ we receive by grace through faith in Jesus Christ  
"The sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ. Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone." ROM 5:17-18

That \_\_\_\_\_ right actions (not the other way around)

- That \_\_\_\_\_ with God's Word  
"Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy." EPH 4:21-24  
"Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do." EPH 5:1  
"Get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves." JAS 1:21-22

### THE SHOES OF PEACE

- Peace is a \_\_\_\_\_ on the state of our soul;
- Peace refers to our ability to \_\_\_\_\_ this life with the power and assurance of God's presence with us in the midst of a fallen, sinful world  
Believers must be prepared for \_\_\_\_\_ difficulties  
Believers must be ready to carry the gospel \_\_\_\_\_  
"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation." ISA 52:7

### REMINDER...

- God wants us to be fully \_\_\_\_\_
- To take on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ positions when it comes to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ all the strategies of the enemy