

# Prepared for Battle

## Winning the Invisible War Part 6

Inspired by Rick Warren

“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.” **Ephesians 6:13 (NLT)**

### Illustration of Preparedness

The Belt of Truth represents \_\_\_\_\_

The Breastplate of Righteousness represents

- Complete \_\_\_\_\_ in the Cross
- Total \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ

The shoes represent your  
\_\_\_\_\_ for Peace

“and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.” **Ephesians 6:15 (NIV84)**

“Our fight is not against people on earth but against the rulers and authorities and the powers of this world’s darkness, against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly world.” **Ephesians 6:12 (NCV)**

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.” **2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NIV84)**

“But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!”” **Romans 10:14–15 (NLT)**

“Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, “I will take revenge; I will pay them back,” says the Lord. Instead, “If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads.” Don’t let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.” **Romans 12:18–21(NLT)**

# The helmet represents \_\_\_\_\_ of Heaven

“Put on salvation as your helmet...” **Ephesians 6:17 (NLT)**

“God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. “God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.” **Matthew 5:10–12 (NLT)**

## Paul’s Real Life Experience

How did this those “Gospel Peace” shoes work out for Paul?

Did Paul strap on his Salvation Helmet?

“And all the rest of God’s people send you greetings, too, especially those in Caesar’s household.” **Philippians 4:22 (NLT)**

“In heaven a crown is waiting for me, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that great day of his return. And not just to me but to all those whose lives show that they are eagerly looking forward to his coming back again.” **2 Timothy 4:8 (The Living Bible)**

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.”

**Ephesians 2:8–9, (NIV84)**