**The Armor of God Part 4: Our Weapons Pt.2**

Ephesians 6:10-20 (NKJV)

1. **Review: To understand and be victorious in warfare we must:**
2. Know **2** things about ourselves:

* Our **position (**in the Lord) (vs. 10) and **role** (to stand) (vs.11).
* Our biggest responsibility is (personal) *soul management* (We must chose to let the Spirit lead us).

1. Know **3** things about our enemy:

* His **identity**: the devil & demonic spirits (vss. 11b-12), his **nature**: supernatural & not of this world (vs. 12) and his **strategy**: deceive us & tempt us to move out of position (vs. 11)

1. Know what **weapons** to use (trust God’s selections):

* Belt of **truth** (vs. 14)
* The truth enables us to see **error**, to make good decisions. (1 Thessalonians 5:21)
* The truth **sanctifies** us. (purifies & set apart) (John 17:17)
* Breastplate of **righteousness** (vs. 14)

Just; accordant to the divine law. Applied to persons, it denotes one who is holy in heart, and observant of the divine commands in practice; as a righteous man.

-Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary of American English

* In Christ’s righteousness our **motives** and **actions** are righteous/just; lining up with truth. (See 1 Corinthians 15:34, 1 John 3:9-11)
* Knowing the truth about our righteousness keeps us from becoming **self**-**righteous** (See Isaiah 64:6-8, Ephesians 2:8-10, Philippians 2:12-13)

1. **Our Weapons**
2. Shoes of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 15) (Greek work: *eirēnē* which means “to join”)

“…harmonious relationships between men, the harmonized relationships between God and man, accomplished through the gospel, the sense of rest and contentment consequent thereon.”

-Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary Of Old and New Testament Words

* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of peace without (See Isaiah 61:1-3, Mark 16:15, Romans 10:14-15)
  + Gospel (Greek word: *euaggelion* meaning “good news”)
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of peace within. (John 14:27, Philippians 4:6-7, Colossians 3:15)
* God’s peace \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ truth held in righteousness.
* You can’t have peace in the midst of denial and disobedience. (See Romans 1:18)
* The world’s peace is temporary and comes from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* God’s peace is eternal and comes from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Biblical peace is having tranquility on the inside when there is at the same time war on the outside.

- Pastor Tony Evans

* God wants there to be peace with those who are his enemies (See Ephesians 2:13-18)

1. **A Concluding thought:**

Just as shoes protect our feet; enabling us to walk through difficult terrain, peace enables us to walk freely through difficult situations on a firm foundation and without fear. We are able to stand against opposition and proclaim the Gospel of peace, while having peace within.