

## Walking in Jesus' Shoes, and Much More, [Eph. 6:14-18](#)

Toddler walking in Daddy's shoes:



Playing dress-up helps children to learn and understand adult roles. In the same way, Christians are Called to “**put on**” God’s Armor and thereby *learn* of our God and His Ways until Christ’s Life really does become our own; i.e. who we are, [Phil. 1:21, 20](#). Such “Putting on” is equivalent to “Be ye Holy;” i.e. “be set apart” for God! Spiritual Warfare is waged by Fundamentalists (e.g. Muslim, Jewish or Christian) as they are the only ones who take seriously what they say that they believe and practice it in their daily lives. Do choose to “**Put On**” **God’s** Body Armor as it is God’s Will to use us (as “weak” as babes, [Psm. 8:1-4](#)) to defeat our/ His Spiritual enemies, [Eph. 6:12](#). How often we underestimate our Spiritual enemies and overestimate ourselves. The Battle is the Lord’s!

**<sup>13</sup>Therefore, take up (put on) the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup>in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one, Eph. 6:13-16.**

**“PUT ON” THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD. Stand therefore, with God’s:**

1. **Belt of Truth.** “**Fasten the (God’s) Belt of Truth around your waist**” (NRSV). Put on **God’s Belt of Truth** (Absolute Standard) until it becomes “your” TRUTH! Contra. post modernism (today’s belief that *there is no* absolute truth, *no* right or wrong, *no* standards, and is even *offended* if called upon to REPENT and/ or to pursue God’s high ethical standards of Holiness; e.g. “don’t ‘preach’ at me;” i.e. so many committed to their’s/ others “opinions,” instead of God’s. God calls this “**suppressing the TRUTH**” in the name of “multi-cultural tolerance,” [Rom. 1:18; I Thess. 1:9-10](#). In our culture most are purposed to defend, *not* God’s Truth, but what **they/ others BELIEVE** is right; contrast. Dr. Randy White, of 1<sup>st</sup>. Baptist, Katy, resigned from the Katy ministerial alliance because *they* wanted “to fellowship as people of faith” with the Muslims building a mosque in Katy. Already “people of faith” are saying that the God of the Bible and Allah are just different names for the one and the same God.

Thank God for Dr. White's courageous stand. Anytime you "put on" TRUTH, or courageously take a Stand for TRUTH, it's CRITICAL that at the very same time you "put on" **God's LOVE** (not just our sentimental kind, but God's ἀγάπη Sacrificial kind)! Truth and Love and/ or Grace and Righteousness *must* always both be present at the same time, or at least in as much *BALANCE* as possible. Truth in Love with believers = [Matt. 18:15-18](#); to the lost = the Gospel; to the church = Whole Counsel of God.

2. Breastplate of (Gift) **Righteousness**: "**having put on the breastplate of righteousness.**" "Put on" **God's Body Armor**. It Gives us HIS Righteousness (our most effective defense against the devil's accusations, [Rom. 8:31, 33-39; II Cor. 5:17-21](#)). As soon as you TAKE A STAND for God's TRUTH, you become a target for questions as to whether God's TRUTH is indeed true, trustworthy, relevant, etc. as well as, for accusations as to whether or not *you* are worthy to even make an issue of TRUTH; e.g. "Who are you to judge?" To answer your accusers, consider [Matt. 10:24-45; Luke 8-9, 2-5](#); cf. [Titus 1:15-16](#).

3. **Boots of the Gospel of Peace**. <sup>15</sup>**Put on your** (God's) **shoes so that you are ready to spread the Good News that gives peace**. "Put on" **God's Boots** (choose to walk where Jesus walked and would walk today to reach lost, hurting, bewildered, hopeless and outcast souls) = SOULCARE! [Matt. 9:35-38](#). Note: Jesus Compassionately saw people as "**exhausted by their troubles and their long, aimless wanderings, and had thrown themselves** (or, had been thrown down by ravenous beasts/ wolves) **to the ground in an utterly prostrate condition as sheep not having a shepherd**" (Wuest) Note also, "**few**" are those who would "walk in Jesus' shoes;" i.e. go to those in trouble, where Jesus went. The challenge is for us to "put on (Jesus') shoes," go where Jesus would go and spread the Gospel (Good News) of Peace to troubled souls. Are you willing to indeed take the Gospel of Peace wherever you go: to your family (again), into the public schools, into your workplace and the marketplace, to your neighbors and to places where you gather socially. Will you speak the Truth in Love? [Col. 4:2-6](#).

4. **Shield of Faith**: <sup>16</sup>**With all of these, take the Shield of Faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one**. **God's Shield of Faith**. Fighting Spiritual battles calls for us to exercise Faith in God, but *your* Faith is *not* what is central. *God's* Faithfulness, Righteousness, Truthfulness, Love and Power are in what *our* "mustard seed-sized" Faith puts it's Trust. The emphasis is not on *your* Faith, but on *God's* Power and His Commitment to and for us. *He* is the One Who is Faithful, but we must believe and not doubt, and sometimes ask for a little help along the way, [Mark 9:14-29](#).

By Faith God gives us the Strength to endure suffering even when the devil throws at us everything he's got, [II Cor. 4:3-18](#). "**The things ...not seen**" and "**eternal**" are the souls of men and women for whom Christ died. We are called to suffer for them as in childbirth, [Gal. 4:19](#), until they are both Born Again and Sanctified (set apart for God). By God's Grace, don't seek revenge, nor shrink back if you are opposed, [Heb. 10:32-39](#).

Christian: This is a Call to arms. O, believers, the Spiritual War is so much more threatening and deadly than most imagine. Join the ranks of believers "set apart for God" and become engaged in Spiritual Warfare in God's Strength and in the Power of His Might by Putting on *His* Armor until Christ Returns. Take a Stand today for the Honor and Glory of God!

If you're not a Christian, Christ can set you free from the cruel bondage of all humanity's arch enemy, the devil. Jesus Died on the Cross and Rose Again to Pay the Penalty for the sins of the whole world. Trust in Jesus today as your Savior and Lord, and God will Forgive all your sins and Give you Eternal Life. Don't delay. Trust in Jesus. You can Trust Him.