

UNDER ARMOR

EPH. 6:14-17

PERFORMANCE APPAREL

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GOOD NEWS SHOES

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand *against* the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not *against* flesh and blood, but *against* the rulers, *against* the authorities, *against* the powers of this dark world and *against* the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ **and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.** ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. **Ephesians 6:10-17** (NIV)

...having strapped on your feet the preparation of the gospel of peace; (NASV)

For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. (NLT)

➤ THE GOSPEL OF PEACE PROTECTS BECAUSE ...

1. THE GOSPEL ENABLES ME TO BE AT _____.

...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. ⁸ He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. **2 Thessalonians 1:7b-8** (NIV)

For we know the God who said, "Vengeance belongs to Me—I will repay, also said, "The Eternal One will judge His people." ³¹ It is truly a frightening thing to be on the wrong side of the living God. **Hebrews 10:30-31** (VOICE)

And in addition to everything else, we are happy because God sent our Lord Jesus Christ to make peace with us. **Romans 5:10** (CEV)

God was pleased for him to make peace by sacrificing his blood on the cross... ²¹ You used to be far from God. Your thoughts made you his enemies, and you did evil things. ²² But his Son became a human and died. So God made peace with you... **Colossians 1:21, 22** (NCV)

NOTE: Peace with God is the foundation for _____ peace!

2. THE GOSPEL ENABLES ME TO HAVE THE _____.

"I am leaving you with a gift--peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." **John 14:27** (NLT)

Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:7** (NLT)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts **Colossians 3:15a** (NIV)

Let the peace that Christ gives control your thinking. **Colossians 3:15a** (ERV)

▪ THE GOSPEL PROVIDES PEACE FOR MY _____.

"I've told you all this so that trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace. In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've conquered the world." **John 16:33** (MP)

▪ THE GOSPEL PROVIDES PEACE FOR MY _____.

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. **1 John 1:6-9** (GW)

▪ THE GOSPEL PROVIDES PEACE FOR MY _____.

If we say, "We have a relationship with God" and live in the dark, we're lying. We aren't being truthful. ⁷ But **if** we live in the light in the way that God is in the light, we have a relationship with each other. And the blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from every sin. ⁸ If we say, "We aren't sinful" we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **1 John 1:6-9** (GW)

▪ THE GOSPEL PROVIDES PEACE FOR MY _____.

May the God of peace—who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus²¹...equip you with all you need for doing His will. May He produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to Him. All glory to Him forever and ever! Amen. **Hebrews 13:20, 21**(NLT)

... But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, ²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. You see, the more sin increases, the more grace God offers to deal with it. **Romans 5:20-21** (NIV)

3. THE GOSPEL ENABLES ME TO _____ PEACE WITH _____.

On the cross Christ did away with our hatred for each other. He also made peace between us and God... **Ephesians 2:16** (CEV)

All this is from God. Through Christ, God made peace between himself and us. And God gave us the work of bringing people into peace with him. ¹⁹ I mean that God was in Christ, making peace between the world and himself. In Christ, God did not hold people guilty for their sins. And he gave us this message of peace to tell people. ²⁰ So we have been sent to speak for Christ. It is like God is calling to people through us. **2 Corinthians 5:18-20** (ERV)