Ephesians 6:10-20

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand firm therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

#3 – Gospel of Peace –

v.15 “and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace”

Do you have on the “shoes of the Gospel”?

No Christian should go out without this preparation.

It means the preparation / readiness / awareness of the Gospel, to do what Christians do with the Gospel.

Question: what do Christians do with the Gospel?
Answer: they share it.

What’s needed is a readiness, a boldness, to share the Gospel with people.

See Ephesians 6: 20 (above)

#4 – The Shield of Faith –

3 prominent “flaming arrows”:

1) – doubt – you can’t trust God; He’s going to let you down; He doesn’t really love you
2) – discouragement – this is one I struggle with a lot; I know Satan is behind it

3) – despair – my best days are behind me; there’s nothing left to look forward to

Faith is:

- believing the Word of God
- and acting upon it
- no matter how I feel
- because God promises a good result

#5 – The Helmet of Salvation –

A soldier would not go out into battle without his helmet

1 Thessalonians 5:8

8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

Salvation means I can look to a time in my life when I turned from my sin, and I’ve embraced Jesus by faith as the only basis for my forgiveness.

Have you done that?

John 1:12

12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

Not everyone is God’s child

Matthew 7:13

13 Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. 14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

If you’re on the same path through life as everyone else: red alert!! You’re on the wrong path!!