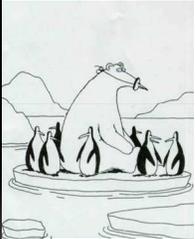




TAKE UP THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD




"And now Edgar's gone....
Something's going on around here."

THE PROTECTION OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Ephesians 6:14 – "Having put on the breastplate of righteousness"

- The breastplate: protected the vital organs during the battle
 - Righteousness* will protect the vital axioms of our faith!
 - "The just (declared righteous) will live by faith"
- What is *righteousness*?
 - The innate character or quality of something or someone that is right in God's sight.
- How do we obtain rightness in God's sight?
 - By faith in the free Gift of His doing!
- On what basis are we declared right before God?
 - By the shed blood of Christ alone! – **Romans 5:8,9**
- What does the gift of rightness mean?
 - PEACE WITH GOD – **Rom 5:1; 8:15**
 - THE POWER TO REIGN IN LIFE – **Rom 5:17**
 - NO CONDEMNATION – **Rom 8:1**

LASTING PEACE

Ephesians 6:15 – Lasting Peace

- shod* – strapping on your sandals.
 - The Romans sandals (*caliga*):
- preparation* – (readiness) is the Greek word that refers to the basis of something, to the foundation of something, to the firm footing of something.
 - It implies a firm and solid understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ (**Rom 1:16**)
- the gospel* – the good news.
 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 (Rom 10:15)**
 - Romans 14:17**




LASTING PEACE

Ephesians 6:15 – Lasting Peace

- peace* – (*eirene*) to join or bind together that which has been separated.
 - literally pictures the binding or joining together again of that which had been separated or divided and thus making one again
 - a meaning conveyed by the common expression of one "having it all together" "inner rest" "well being"
 - shalom – to be complete, perfect and full
 - Strong's: completeness, wholeness, health, peace, welfare, safety, soundness, tranquility, prosperity, perfectness, fullness, rest, harmony, the absence of agitation or discord.



LASTING PEACE

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 - Isaiah 32:17** – the coming Messiah!
 - Romans 5:1** – lasting peace!
- Peace isn't something, it's Someone!
 - Colossians 3:3,4** – "when Christ, who is our life"
 - Ephesians 2:14** – "He Himself is our peace"
 - Galatians 5:22** – "but the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace..."



LASTING PEACE

Ephesians 6:15 – Lasting Peace

Mark 4:35-41 – peace exemplified in Jesus.

- "in the stern, asleep on the cushion"
- What are your storms?
- Do you understand the gospel?
- Does Satan have you looking to someone other than Jesus?
- Are you trying to obtain peace apart from Jesus as Truth?



Peace

Righteousness

Truth

LASTING PEACE *John 14:27*

It Is Well With My Soul Horatio Spafford

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well, with my soul,
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

