

Lord,

I pray for the peace of God to be firmly established in my life. I want to trust you with all my life so I may live in a spiritual peace.

I pray for _____ * that peace, real peace that goes past the understanding of anyone who does not know Christ may be part of their life today.

I pray you guide my life so I can live at peace with those around me.

I pray that I may be a messenger of peace of the Good News of Jesus.

Help me to live a life that reflects the peace I have found in Jesus.

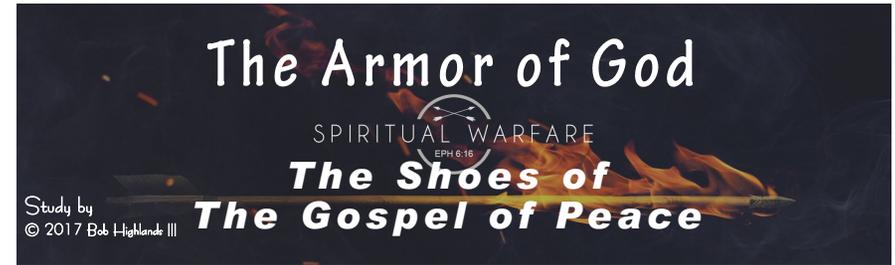
Help me walk today and everyday in the shoes of the Good News of peace.

This is Pray in your precious name.

Amen ¹

*put the name of Wife, Husband, Child, Friend, Relative

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PEACE OR PEACE

The world sees peace much differently than God sees peace. The world defines peace as “freedom from or the cessation of war or violence.” Peace is often seen as the period between wars. This is not Biblical peace. Jesus was very clear that His peace was not the peace of the surrounding world.

The concept of shoes is about where we go and what happens when we get there. The goal of good shoes is to make the trip easier. There are football cleats, basketball shoes, track shoes, hiking and combat boots, sandals, moccasins, tennis shoes, running shoes, boat shoes, cowboy boots, dress shoes and even high heel shoes just to name a few. The Bible adds one more style of shoes to this list. They are “Shoes of Peace.”



JESUS AND PEACE

- Read Isaiah 9.6 *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*
- Why do you think Jesus is called the Prince of Peace?

THE BELIEVER AND PEACE

- ❑ Read Romans 5.1-2 *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.*
- ❑ What is the peace that is being talked about here?

- ❑ How is it different from the peace of the world?

- ❑ How is it obtained?

- ❑ What is the hope of this peace with God?

- ❑ What do we learn about this from the following verses?
 - ◇ Acts 26:6
 - ◇ Romans 5.2
 - ◇ Galatians 5.5
 - ◇ Colossians 1.23
 - ◇ 1 Thessalonians 5.8
 - ◇ Titus 1.2 & 3.7

- ❑ Does this remove or increase the possibility of conflict? Explain your answer.

- ❑ What does it mean for the believer to pursue peace with all men?

- ❑ What does it **NOT** mean when a believer is trying to pursue peace with all men?

SHOES OF PEACE

The shoes of peace are designed to take us through this life, where we battle against evil forces and the temptations of our own flesh, to a place of eternal peace. Personal peace comes as we discover the forgiveness of our sins. We are at personal spiritual peace as we travel through this life as believers. This is possible because we know “The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.” ^{Romans 16.20} Wearing the shoes of peace means everywhere I go I as a believer I take the victory of Jesus and the GOOD NEWS of the available salvation for all who believe and turn to him for forgiveness.

On the last night Jesus was here he washed the feet of His disciples. This was a demonstration of our need to serve as servants and to always be humble. It may also serve to show that Jesus has prepared our feet for the long journey toward eternal peace. *Bob Highlands III*

- ❑ Read Romans 10.15 *How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, “HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!”*
- ❑ (NOTE: the word gospel means ‘good news.’) What is the responsibility of each believer as they travel through this life? HINT: Shoes of the gospel of peace...

MANMADE PEACE

- ❑ Read 1 Thessalonians 5.2-3 *For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, “Peace and safety!” then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.*
- ❑ Why should we not be fooled into believing that the peace of this world has anything to do with God’s peace?

- ❑ Romans 3.12 *“THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD,*
- ❑ How are the lives of the worldly different from those of believers?

- ❑ Read Hebrews 12.14 *Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.*
- ❑ What type of peace is being referred to here?

- ❑ Read Ephesians 2.13-14a *But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace,*
- ❑ What do we learn about spiritual peace?

- ❑ How does knowing this help us understand why so much of the world is in such a mess?

- ❑ Read Colossians 1.19-20 *For it was the Father’s good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.*

- ❑ What is the foundation of our peace?

- ❑ Explain how this act of reconciliation brings peace. (NOTE: reconcile means both parties change or are changed.)

- ❑ How is salvation like a peace treaty?

- ❑ How is salvation not like a peace treaty?

- ❑ Read Colossians 3.15 *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.*
- ❑ What does the peace of Christ mean to you?

- ❑ Paul makes this something we have to decide to have happen. How would a believer “Let the peace of Christ rule in their heart?”

WAR & PEACE

- ❑ Read Romans 8.6 *For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,*
- ❑ How does knowing this help in our daily lives?
- ❑ Is it possible to find this peace without Christ? Explain your answer.

- ❑ Read Romans 14.19 *So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.*
- ❑ What can we seek or pursue that will help in our spiritual peace?

- ❑ Read 1 Peter 2.11 *Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.*
- ❑ How does the enemy attack and often defeat believers and remove their peace?

- ❑ Read John 14.27 *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*
- ❑ How is the peace of Christ different from the peace that the world seeks?

- ❑ How should this change the way we approach our daily lives?

- ❑ Read Philippians 4.4-7 *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*
- ❑ What actions can the believer take to cause the peace of God to be part of their daily lives?