

### Colossians 3:16

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,  
teaching and admonishing one another  
in all wisdom,  
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,  
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*



### ***The Whole Armor of God***

***Ephesians 6:10-20*** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 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. 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. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 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, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

### ***Reflections from Scripture on the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace***

#### ***Ephesians 6:14-15***

*Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.*

#### ***Matthew 4:23***

*And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.*

#### ***Luke 2:8-14***

*And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, **I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.** And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"*

#### ***Romans 1:16***

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

### **Romans 10:9-15**

*because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"*

### **Romans 16:25-27**

*Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.*

### **1 Corinthians 15:3-5**

*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.*

### **Ephesians 1:13**

*In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.*

## **Song**

*Psalm 59:16 But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.*

### **Standing on the Promises**

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,  
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail.  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,  
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

## *Prayer*

*II Chronicles 7:14* If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

A prayer from *The Valley of Vision*

O LORD,

I bless thee that the issue of the battle  
between thyself and Satan  
has never been uncertain,  
and will end in victory.

Calvary broke the dragon's head,  
and I contend with a vanquished foe,  
who with all his subtlety and strength  
has already been overcome.

When I feel the serpent at my heel  
may I remember him whose heel was bruised,  
but who, when bruised, broke the devil's head.

My soul with inward joy extols  
the mighty conqueror.

Heal me of any wounds received  
in the great conflict;  
if I have gathered defilement,  
if my faith has suffered damage,  
if my hope is less than bright,  
if my love is not fervent,  
if some creature-comfort occupies my heart,  
if my soul sinks under pressure of the fight.

O thou whose every promise is balm,  
every touch life,  
draw near to thy weary warrior,  
refresh me, that I may rise again  
to wage the strife,  
and never tire until my enemy is trodden down.

Give me such fellowship with thee  
that I may defy Satan,  
unbelief, the flesh, the world,  
with delight that comes not from a creature,  
and which a creature cannot mar.

Give me a draught of the eternal fountain  
that lieth in thy immutable, everlasting love  
and decree.

Then shall my hand never weaken,  
my feet never stumble,  
my sword never rest,  
my shield never rust,  
my helmet never shatter,  
my breastplate never fall,  
as my strength rests in the power  
of thy might.