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<sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

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**We, believers, are in a serious war. We have 3 foes; the world, the flesh, and the devil.**

What does Scripture mean by 'the world'? Rom.12:2; Jn.1:9-10, 3:16,19, 15:19

**It means the world system, its views. Its views, philosophy, people, is all darkness...**

So why is 'the world' our enemy? Rom.12:1-2; Jn.15:18-20; IJn.2:15-17; Jn.16:33; Gal.6:14

**It tries to 'squeeze us into its mold'! By 'normal' behavior, dress, expectations, persecution**

And then why is 'the flesh' also our enemy? 2:3; Jn.6:63-65; Rom.7:4-6, 8:6-8; Gal.2:20,5:13-25

**The 'flesh' is the seat of our fallen nature. It knows to do good, but is incapable of it!**

And why is the devil our enemy? 1:19-23; Is.14:3-17; Job 1:6-19; IICor.11:13-15; Rev.12:7-12

**He wants to be like God. He/demons are deceivers/ disguise themselves as an angel of light.**

What 'tools' does the devil use against us? 2:1-3; IICor.11:13-15

**He 'rules' the world system, he tempts our flesh, but he appears like truth, good, ..invisible!**

So, for this war, what is the 'final' command to believers? 6:10, 3:16; Phil.4:13; IITim.2:1

**Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power! How do we do THAT?**

And the Scripture answer is what? 6:11, 4:14; Rom.13:12; IICor.2:11, 10:4; IPet.5:8

**Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes!**

Who is NOT our enemy? 6:12a; Mt.16:17; ICor.15:50

**Believers do not struggle against flesh and blood. Ie. human beings. Not the real enemy!**

Who is our real enemy? 6:12b, 1:18-23, 3:10; Col.2:15; Jn.12:31, 16:11

**It's rulers/authorities, powers of this dark world, spiritual forces of evil in heavenly realms**