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<sup>18</sup> 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,

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**When we live unrighteous, in unconfessed sin, we are open to demonic attack! Confess!**

Now what is the next piece of armor? **6:15; Isa.52:7; Rom.10:15; Lu.15:22; IICor.5:18-21**

**It is having shoes (readiness to move, travel) with the Gospel (good news) of Peace w/God!**

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**It is the peace between God and believers. It is our peace with others by being IN HIM!**

How does this peace manifest itself? **Gal.5:22; IICor.12:11**

**It is a 'fruit of the Holy Spirit'! Comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace!**

And how do we take this Gospel of Peace to the lost? **6:15; IPet.3:15; Rom.5:6-10, 8:31**

**We take it by our 'walk', the way we live. Always ready to share the Peace of God, IN HIM**

So as we go to those without Christ, what are we doing? **IICor.5:18-21**

**Christ was made sin for us so that we are ambassadors for Christ! God appealing by us!**

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**It is the shield of faith! It is to quench all the flaming arrows from the evil one (Satan...)**

What are we instructed by our attitude? **IPet.5:8-9; IJn.5:4-5; IThess.5:19**

**We are to be sober minded (serious about our warfare). Resist the devil, firm in your faith!**

What is the purpose of the interlocking design of the shields? **IPet.5:9; IThess.5:19**

**In some warfare the victory is given by the shield of many believers agreed together! Wall!**

How is 'grieving the Holy Spirit' often seen? **IThess.5:19**

**True believers are at odds over trivial things which should be forgiven, not battled over!**