

A pair of black-rimmed glasses with clear lenses is positioned over an open book. A red bookmark is visible on the left page. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color, possibly a desk or table. The text is overlaid on this background in a white, serif font.

Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 6:10-17

The Third Part of the Armor from God:
“Readiness to Share the Gospel of Peace”

Introduction

- After being empowered in the Lord and in the display of HIS strength (Eph 6:10), the Christian who is under attack by Satan is to:
 - Accurately evaluated these thought-attacks in the light of God's objective standpoint of absolute reality - **truth**
 - Realize their absolute and permanent **righteous** standing their position in Christ (II Cor 5:21)
 - Now the saint is to ready their mind for potential opportunity to give the **gospel of the peace** to anyone God provides.

Identity of the Gospel of Peace

- The gospel that brings peace with God - Rom 5:1
 - All men are enemies of God
 - Rom 1:30 (cf vs 28)
 - Rom 8:7
 - Rom 5:10

The Content of This Gospel

- Inaccurate content
 - Christ died for you
 - Give your heart to the Lord
 - Ask Jesus to save you from your sins
 - Invite Jesus into your heart/life

- Inadequate content
 - General statements without specific content John 3:16; Acts 16:31

- The **ONLY** adequate content to believe
 - I Cor 15:1-4

The Power of This Gospel

The statement of this power

- Rom 1:16

The need for this power

- II Cor 4:3-4 - Satanic blindness to this gospel

God's application of this power

- Jn 16:7-11

The Preparation of God's Messenger of This Gospel

- The need of a messenger
 - Rom 10:14-15
- The preparation of God's messenger
 - I Pet 3:15
- The messenger faithfully, accurately presents this gospel. He does not convince anyone of this gospel, BUT he should display the effects of this gospel in his own life

CONCLUSION

- When you put on this piece of God's defensive armor against the thought attacks of Satan, you will:
 - Accurately know the content of this gospel that makes peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ
 - Know that you while are the sower of this gospel seed, the Holy Spirit is the only one who can germinate this seed. You are the conduit; the Holy Spirit is the convincer of this gospel
 - Know that you are prepared to give this gospel when and if God gives the opportunity
 - Remember that someone was ready to give you the gospel
 - Being ready to give this good news will defend your mind against the temptations of stealing, spiritual idleness, and bitterness