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Let see what is happening today in our world?

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Ray Stedman - 1978 Christians,.. often feel they lack assurance. They feel unworthy of God. They feel they are a failure in the Christian life and that God, therefore, is certain to reject them, that he is no longer interested in them. There is a constant sense of guilt. Their conscience is always stabbing them, making them unhappy, miserable. This is simply a satanic attack, a means of opposing and destroying what God intends to do. How do you answer an attack like this? **You are to remember that you have “PUT ON” THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.** In other words, you do not stand on your own merits. You never did. You never had anything worthwhile in yourself to offer to God. You gave all that up when you came to Christ. You quit trying to be good enough to please God. You came on His merits. You came on the ground of His imputed righteousness -- that which He gives to you. You began your Christian life like that and there is no change now. You are still on that basis.

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Ray Stedman - 1978 What does this mean? Well, again it is Christ, but Christ our peace this time -- our source of calm,

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Notice the relation of one piece to another and the importance of the order that I stressed earlier. The first piece tells us that CHRIST IS THE TRUTH, the ultimate secret of reality. We have come home; we have touched the key to life of Jesus Christ. That is something for the mind to understand and grasp and believe. And then what? Well, we know Him then. We stand on His merits. We put on the BREASTPLATE OF HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS. We come on the basis of what He has done and not what we do. And what is the result of that? Our hearts are at peace! Paul says, "Being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," (Romans 5:1 KJV). Calmness, courage!

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When our enemy the Devil, seeks to devour and destroy us with empty or evil thoughts, trying to get us to doubt our salvation, we can trust in the protection of the **Helmet of Salvation**. Our salvation will be accomplished, for God has promised it. With the assurance of salvation protecting our minds, Christians can stand against Satan's attacks. As a blow to the head often means death, so a person without hope of salvation will be easily defeated by the enemy.

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1 Peter 2:1-3 (NASB)

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Using the HELMET OF SALVATION in BATTLE

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Ephesians 6:14-17 (NASB)

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GOSPEL OF PEACE;

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- Having word of God available when you need it.
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ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD

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⁸ Again, the devil *took Him to a very high mountain and *showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; ⁹ and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me."

¹⁰ **Then Jesus *said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"**

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James 1:2-4 (NASB)

² Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴ And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

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1 Peter 5:8-9 (NIV)

⁸ Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

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**Satan tells his demons to keep people busy! Busy! Busy!
Because we know what it stands for:**

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Romans 13:12-14 (NASB)

¹² The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

¹³ Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy.

¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to *its* lusts.

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Philippians 4:6-8 (NASB)

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

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And never forget the best is yet to come!

John 14:1-3 (NASB)

¹ "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. ² "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. ³ "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE – WE ARE AT WAR – PEACE COMING SOON

OUR ARMAMENTS FOR WAR; ARE NOT OF THIS WORLD .

Let's Pray