

of understanding. But then when he gets to dealing with Christianity, when he gets to dealing with Theism, he says some of the silliest things, some of the most stupid things that you can imagine. Truth does not reach unless it is united with righteousness. We must stand in righteousness for truth. Never think you can advance God's truth by twisting things just a little bit, by putting on a little ~~fas~~ false pretence, by departing from the principles of true righteousness. And of course again Jesus Christ is our righteousness.

And then your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Now this word preparation - hetoimasia occurs only one in the NT. It occurs a good many times in the classical Greek and also in the LXX. And in Classical Greek the common meaning is this: preparation or preparing. But in the LXX it is used for a foundation, and so commentators differ whether this means, with a foundation of the gospel of peace -- After all your shoes are what are under you. Your shoes shod with a foundation under you like the Roman sandals that were studded with sharp nails so that they could stand, and so with that foundation under them they could really stand. Or whether we should take the word as it is used in Classical Greek as meaning the preparing. I personally incline toward the latter. I think what he means here is that though we are standing, opposing all that is wrong, our standing is not worth a great deal unless we are also preparing to do something for the Lord. It is not enough just to defend yourself. He wants our feet to be ready not only to stand solidly so that the Devil cannot injure us, but also so that we can go to perform His purposes, to carry the Gospel of ~~p~~Peace. He wants us to be strong. He wants us to speak out. He wants us to use the forces God has given us, but He-wants we use those forces to spread the Gospel of Peace -- the Gospel that brings peace with God, the Gospel that brings peace between human beings, the Gospel that brings peace within our souls. We should be at our very foundation should be the preparation to spread this Gospel that brings peace. The preparation of the Gospel of Peace and above all taking the Shield of Faith. Taking the thron of faith wherewith you will be able to quence all the fiery darts of the Wicked(One) The word thraon is not a little shield that you put here, here, here, here to protect you in different places. It is a big shield. There is a different word for a little shield. Its a big shield four ft. long and 2 ft. broad. Its a shieldshield that protects most of your body. You just peer over the top of it a little and lift it up slightly when necessary, but its a big shield