

As believers we have around-the-clock protection. Whether it is at night or in the day; whether it is in darkness or at noonday; whether we are faced with a terror, or confronted by arrows; whether pestilences threaten, or destruction looms. We do *not* have to be afraid because our God, who watches over us, neither slumbers nor sleeps. (Psalm 121:3-4)

The reality is that the world we live in is engulfed in negative news and fear. We constantly hear reports of senseless terrorist attacks on innocent civilians, horrific accidents claiming multiple victims, or an epidemic affecting entire communities, leading to hundreds of babies being born with deformities. Many can't help but dread that the same tragedies could befall them. However, in the midst of all that is happening in the world, you *can* be fearless, and this comes from knowing the Lord as the God of peace. Romans chapter 15 ends with the apostle Paul saying: "Now *the God of peace* be with you all." (Romans 15:33) You might ask, Isn't God with us all the time? Why then did Paul specifically say: "The God of peace be with you all"? What Paul was speaking over the people was for God to manifest Himself as the God of peace in their lives. In other words, even though God is always with us, we may not always experience Him as the God of peace. Do you know what happens when God manifests Himself as the God of peace in your life? Romans 16:20 tells us this: "*The God of peace will crush Satan* under your feet shortly. The *grace* of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."

Do you see what the God of peace will do in your life? He will crush every fear, every worry, and every anxiety! Do you see *grace* in that verse as well? Grace - the undeserved, unearned, and unmerited favour of God - is the only thing against which Satan has no defense. That is why we put our faith in the blood of Jesus when we talk about protection. His sinless blood was shed to pay the price for the guilty. Because Jesus paid the price, we who are in Him have a right to walk in divine wealth, health and protection. Grace qualifies us for God's all-encompassing protection.

Psalm 91:5-6 "You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday."