



**FIGHT
THE
GOOD
FIGHT**

Message #8
Shoes of Peace

Ephesians 6



10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

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12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.



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14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;



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16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;



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18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints-- 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.



The Whole Armor

- Belt of Truth
- Breastplate of Righteousness
- Shoes of the Gospel of Peace
- Shield of Faith
- Helmet of Salvation
- Sword of the Spirit
- Prayer

(maybe easier to memorize going from head to toe)



Instruction:

You put on the whole armor of God.



- Upgrade your technology
- Trade human weapons
 - We can have Jesus' armor and Jesus is willing to teach us His skills, too.
 - Go into your battles with the same tools Jesus won with.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

For the weapons of our warfare are **not carnal** but mighty in God for pulling down **strongholds**, 5 casting down **arguments** and **every high thing** that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ**



Review



- **Truth** = Jesus & God's Word
- Truth holds everything (reality) together.
 - It's the foundation, the core
- We get the Truth of God in us and we become a truthful person, a truth lover and a truth teller. (always mixed with wisdom and grace)

Review



- **Righteousness = made right**
(Guards my heart)

Proverbs 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

- **We are made righteous and then we hunger and thirst after righteousness and pursue righteousness in our lives.**

Thought



- We go into the battle spiritually dressed with the **Armor of God**.

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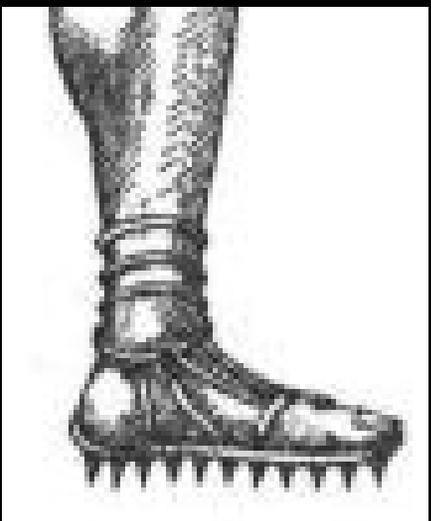
- We go into the battle with **The LORD** at our side.

“You can’t lose with the stuff I use”

--Rev Ike

Ephesians 6:15
and having shod your feet
with the preparation of the
gospel of peace





Roman Soldier Shoes



The Gospel of Peace



- Gospel = Good News
- Feet shod = to tightly fasten on
- Preparation = be ready

Revelation:

Being tightly tied to Jesus,
the Prince of Peace,
prepares you for battle.

The Gospel of Peace



Here is some “good news” that brings us peace:

Jesus, Hebrews 13:5b

For He Himself has said,
"I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Psalm 23:4

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for **You are with me**; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Good News: The LORD is with me every step of the way, even the dark, shadowy places.



3 Reasons for These Shoes of Peace



Protection
Standing Firm
Marching Forward

The Revelation:
The Gospel of Peace
helps us in these areas.

Protection

- We've got lots of different enemies, situations, scenarios, and people we encounter in this life.
- God's Peace will **protect** and **guide** us every step of the way.
 - From fear, anxiety, lies, discouragement, sin, etc
- Notice: The war is raging, but the **warrior** is at peace.



Isaiah 26:3-4

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. 4 Trust in the LORD forever, for in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength.

Standing Firm

- Think of those spiked Roman shoes and how they helped the soldier **stand firm**.

Here is what God wants for us...

(vs 11) that you may be able to **stand against** the wiles of the devil {**stand firm**}

(vs 13) that you may be able to **withstand** in the evil day {oppose, resist, **push back**}

(vs 13) having done all, to **stand**. {**stand firm**}

Get the picture?

Marching Forward

These “shoes of peace” are to help us displace the enemy and take new ground in people’s lives.

- Peace with God (reconciled to God)
- Peace of God (guards & guides)
- Peacemakers (ministry of reconciliation)



Romans 16:20

And the God of peace will **crush** Satan under **your feet** shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.



Additional Scriptures

- Psalm 17:5
- Psalm 18:33
- Psalm 25:15
- Psalm 40:2
- Psalm 56:13
- Psalm 116:8
- Psalm 119:133



2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of
peace Himself give you
peace always in every way.
The Lord be with you all.