

A NIGHT OF APPRECIATION

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SUNDAY JULY 28TH 5PM AT THE CATHEDRAL



WATER BAPTISM

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STANDARD

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"For to me, to live is Christ"





VOLUME 2 / Week 4 PREPARED FOR PEACE SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 6:10-17, Isaiah 52:7, Romans 10:12-15

STANDARD: a level of quality or attainment. An idea or thing used as a measure, norm, or model in comparative evaluations. An ensign of war; a staff with a flag or colors.

PREPARED FOR PEACE

Footwear is the third piece of armor listed by the Apostle Paul referred to as *"the preparation of the gospel of peace."* Following suit with Paul's description, the first word is *"preparation"*. This can be understood as the condition of being <u>ready</u>. As last-days soldiers of the Lord we must be willing and ready to go forth at the Lord's command. But according to the description, we are not only ready to go, but also ready to <u>deliver</u> and present the greatest message the world has ever known. The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Paul called it the *"gospel of peace"* being that it is good news, and when received it brings peace between a Holy God and sinful man. The Gospel is like a seed that contains *truth* which brings forth *righteousness*. But someone has to deliver that seed when the ground of the heart is ready. Isaiah 52:7 says, *"How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news of happiness, who announces salvation, and says to Zion, 'Your God <i>reigns!"* This verse isn't about the fashion of ancient footwear. It's about the heart and *willingness* of those who go where no one else will to deliver what everyone needs. This is beautiful in the sight of the Lord. (Rom. 10:12-15).

PEACE AND WAR

The greatest example of this is the Lord Jesus as He presented the message of the gospel of peace and He Himself is the reconciling seed. (Mt. 4:17, 21-23). He also gave His disciples specific instruction regarding the *blessing* of peace upon those to whom they ministered (Lk. 10:5-6). But make no mistake, delivering peace is a *rescue* mission to set captives free that may not know they're in bondage. (Lk. 12:51-53). Nevertheless, by God's grace the fully equipped believer can bring about peace wherever the Lord leads their feet.

HE'S HERE - WORSHIP

God is worthy of our praise and adoration for sending Jesus who brought us to peace and reconciliation with Himself through the power of the gospel.

HE KNOWS - LEARN

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Look back at the previous teachings regarding truth and righteousness. How does the Gospel of peace connect?

HE'S ABLE - SERVE

Allow the Lord to use you as He has equipped you. Bring peace to those willing to receive and further the work of the Kingdom.