

Ephesians 6:10-15

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.



The Shoes of Peace

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THE METAPHOR OF THE ARMOR

One of the great tensions in Christianity: how much of it is **YOUR** exertion and effort, and how much of it is **GOD'S** working in you?

(Colossians 2:9-10, 1 Corinthians 10:13, 2 Timothy 4:6-7)

WHAT ROLE DID THE SHOES HAVE?

TRACTION, PROTECTION, MOBILITY

WHAT DO THE SHOES REPRESENT?

1. The shoes represent **READINESS**. This readiness comes **FROM** the gospel of peace, and is a quality of **CHARACTER**.
2. The traction of the gospel of peace gives you **ASSURANCE**.
3. The protection of the gospel of peace means you can **HANDLE** trouble.
(John 16:33)
4. The mobility of the gospel of peace means you have **JOY**.

THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

Assurance... handling tough things... joy... – these come from knowing how the gospel brings us **PEACE**.

The most important kind of peace in the Bible, is the objective peace **WITH** God.

It's the peace with God that's will be the basis for and source of your peace **FROM** God.

In order to get peace with God, relationally, we must be **RECONCILED**.

Once you see that every debt has been paid and God truly loves you, instead of being **MAD** at him, you become **GRATEFUL** for what he has done for you.



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GROWTH GROUP DIGGING DEEPER QUESTIONS

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GETTING STARTED

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, **was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, inspired or confused you?**

DIGGING DEEPER

2. [Read Ephesians 6:10-15](#)

What have been one or two important things you've learned about the armor of God, or have learned from Ephesians 6 so far?

3. We said on Sunday that the purpose of shoes, in the set of armor, is to give (at least) **traction, protection** and **mobility**. **How have you experienced God giving you those things in your life?**

4. One of the main distinctions we made in the Sunday message was that basis of any and all peace in your life is peace **WITH** God before you can have any peace **FROM** God. **When did you first realize you needed peace WITH God, and how did you get it?**

GETTING PERSONAL

5. Often times people have understood the shoes on "*your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace*" as, literally, going places and sharing the gospel with others. It does indeed include that, but the core thing that piece of the armor gives to us is **READINESS**. **How have you experienced God's work in your life making you READY? Ready to serve... to love Him and others... to handle what comes your way... etc.**

BRINGING IT HOME

6. As a part of the armor, this is what we said the shoes provide to us, spiritually:

- The traction of the gospel of peace gives you **ASSURANCE**.
- The protection of the gospel of peace means you can **HANDLE** trouble.
- The mobility of the gospel of peace means you have **JOY**.

Which of those three aspects of the armor do you need in your life now, and why?

How can you put on the shoes, that remind you that you have peace WITH God, so that these things can be formed in your character, and in your heart?

PRAY TOGETHER