



"The Shoes of Good News"

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Ephesians 6:10-12 "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

Ephesians 6:13-14 "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 firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness"

Ephesians 6:15-17 "and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God"

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I. Firm _____ in a Fierce Fight

II. Experience _____ With God

Romans 5:1 "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

John 3:16-18 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."

Romans 5:10 "For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life."

John 4:13b-14 "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

III. The Prince of Peace is Your _____

Isaiah 9:6-7a "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end"

Ephesians 2:14 "For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility"

Colossians 1:20 "and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross."

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

*"Christ died He left a will in which He gave His soul to His Father, His body to Joseph of Arimathea, His clothes to the soldiers, and His mother to John. But to His disciples, who had left all to follow Him, He left not silver or gold, but something far better—His PEACE!"
(Matthew Henry)*

IV. Wearing Shoes of Peace in the _____

Mark 4:38b "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

Mark 4:39b "'Peace! Be still!' And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm."

Philippians 4:6-7 "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

V. _____ Orders

Romans 10:14-15 "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!'" (cf. Isaiah 52:7).

Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."



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BACKGROUND:

For the past few weeks, we have been learning about the importance of putting on God's armor. Taking His armor and adorning ourselves with it. In other words, we put on Jesus. We cloth ourselves with Him. His truth, His righteousness, His peace, His salvation, His word. We learned about the Belt of Truth and the Breastplate of Righteousness and how to apply these truths to our lives. Today we studied how to shoe our feet with "the readiness given by the gospel of peace." (*Ephesians 6:15*)

DIGGING DEEPER:

The Hebrew word for peace is Shalom, which has a richer meaning than the English word for peace. It doesn't merely mean the absence of conflict but recognizes a blessing that derives from a right relationship with God.

1. What might you say to an unbeliever if they asked, "How have you been able to have peace considering what you're going through?"

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:27) Later, Paul quotes from Isaiah 52:7 when he said, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" (Romans 10:15)

2. How is Jesus' peace different than the one the world offers?
3. What does it look like in your life to "preach the good news"?
4. How do you personalize the message of the gospel?

The word readiness implies a constant vigilance, a sense of preparedness. Peter tells us to "always be prepared to give a reason for the hope that is in us" (1 Peter 3:15). Paul wrote to Timothy, "Preach the word, be ready in season and out of season" (2 Timothy 4:2).

5. How prepared are you to share your personal testimony with others?
6. Does your testimony include the Gospel? Can people know and understand what the gospel is by hearing your testimony?
7. What aspects of your testimony might someone interpret as being peaceful resulting from your right relationship with God?

A Roman's soldiers' shoes were studded with spikes, much like our modern-day cleats, to help him keep his footing and balance during battle.

8. How do you keep your balance in life?
9. Who or what do you rely on to stand firm and keep your footing?
10. What causes you to lose your footing and stumble?
11. What do you find most challenging as you try to create margin in your life as you balance work, family, God, etc.?

Read John 10:29; 1 John 5:14; 1 Corinthians 15:1-6; John 1:12; Romans 10:8-10.

12. What assurances can you draw from these passages that not only give you peace, but can also protect you from the continual attacks of Satan?

TAKING IT HOME:

Ultimately, shoes are made for moving. They are not designed to stand in one place. God expects us to go on the offensive. Sharing our faith, meditating on His Word, enjoying a robust prayer life, having fellowship with other believers, taking every thought captive to obey Christ are just a few suggestions as to how we can maintain our footing as we step out into battle.

13. What spiritual disciplines work best for you?
14. What motivates you to keep moving forward?
15. How can you ready yourself to bring the gospel of peace to others?