

Put on the Armor of God The Boots of Peace

Ephesians 6:13-17

Review - Stand firm in the Lord

Belt of Truth - against the deceit of the enemy

Breastplate of Righteousness - covered by Christ

Boots of Peace - overcoming doubt

Having shod your feet

Literally The Greek is, literally, "having underbound the feet;" that is, having bound on the shoes, or sandals, or whatever was worn by the ancient soldier.

The protection of the feet and ankles consisted of two parts:

(1) The sandals, or shoes, which were probably made so as to cover the foot, and which often were fitted with nails, or armed with spikes, to make the hold firm in the ground: or.

(2) With "greaves" that were fitted to the legs, and designed to defend them from any danger. These "greaves," or boots were made of brass, and were in almost universal use among the Greeks and Romans.

The Preparation of the Gospel of Peace

Preparation is a word meaning "a prepared foundation." A bases on which to stand. Gospel is "good news" of the message that brings peace with God, self and others

For a Roman Soldier

1. They gave protection to the feet and lower legs
2. They gave stability on any terrain
3. They gave mobility to rapidly move forward in the battle

For the Soldier of God

1. Protection of the foundation of our faith

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

2. Stability against the doubts Satan uses to undermine us

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

3. The preparation to share the good news with all

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 1 Peter 3:15

Where do we find this peace in the battle?

- A. Peace comes from the Prince of Peace
- B. Peace is the results of our relationship with Him
- C. Peace reigns when we fully surrender to God

John 14:

Romans 5:1

Colossians 3:15

Why do we need such protection?

One of Satan's favorite weapons is doubt

Are you really a child of God? Does He really love you?

How can you be a Christian and do this or that?

You cannot know if you are going to heaven. You are a sinner.

Who are our examples?

Christ - surrendered His life in the Garden of Gethsemane

- gave himself up to the Roman guards

- went to cross asking for forgiveness for those who crucified Him

Paul - -But God, through His Holy Spirit, had summoned Paul to Jerusalem

Acts 20:22 Acts 21:13.

He taught about our bases in the book of Ephesians

Ephesians 1:13-14. 2:4-5, 5:1-2

How do we put on the boots of peace?

1. Apply the truth of the gospel of peace personally

Repent and Receive by faith

2. Preach the gospel of peace to your own soul daily

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

3. Share the gospel of peace with others as often as possible

It will strengthen your walk and enlighten their lives.

Romans 10:9-10 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

One final note of victory and peace

Romans 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.