

A SOLDIER IS ONLY AS GOOD AS HIS SHOES

Review

The Belt of TRUTH

- The Belt of Truth is Jesus Christ and what He says! Jesus Christ is to wrap around us and He holds everything together.
- You and I as Christians are in the spiritual battlefield on a daily basis. We need to put on a daily basis, the Belt of Truth, who is Jesus Christ, and allow Him to hold everything in your life!
 - **The Breastplate to protect the heart**
- Breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS...This is Positional righteousness Righteousness Imputed... Romans 4:3 For what does the Scripture say? Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.
- Practical righteousness...That is the daily Practice of our life.
- Proverbs 4:23 tells us:"Above all else guard your heart; for out of it are the issues of life"
- 1 John 3:21 "Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God."

Eph 6:15...Your feet shod

The army has known for some time that a foot-soldier is no good if his feet are in bad shape. If you have to engage the enemy and your feet are swollen and blistered, it makes it hard to fight.

The Roman soldier's shoes were not an ordinary kind of shoes. They were made out of bronze or brass—usually brass—and the shoes were primarily composed of two parts: (1) the greave, and (2) the shoe itself. These shoes were exceptionally dangerous to any foe.

The greave was a piece of beautifully tooled metal that began at the top of the knee and extended down past the lower leg, finally resting on the upper portion of the foot. This tube like piece of metal caused the Roman soldier's shoes to look like boots that were made of brass!

On the top and bottom, the foot was covered with fine pieces of brass. The sides of the shoe were held together by multiple pieces of durable leather. On the bottom, these shoes were affixed with extremely dangerous spikes.

Spikes that were one to three inches long. If you were involved in active combat, your spikes could be close to three inches long. These were killer shoes!

On the bottom of Roman soldier's shoes were extremely dangerous spikes that were one to three inches in length. These spikes helped to hold the soldier's footing in place. When those spikes are firmly planted into the earth, you become rather hard to knock over or to move!

The word "shod" conveys the idea of "binding something very tightly on the bottom of one's feet." This is not the picture of a loosely fitting shoe; this is the picture of a shoe that has been tied onto the bottom of the foot extremely tight.



We must remember we do not fight against flesh and blood? People are not the problem!! We fight against the lies and schemes and strategies of the Devil.

Eph 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace
The gospel gives us the stability for sure footing, allowing us the ability to march over the rough terrain of life and step over the stumbling blocks of the enemy, we have firm footing, for sure steps, and for protection.



Preparation indicates readiness; prepared to see duty, prepared to do God's will, and prepared to proclaim the gospel of peace.

A reporter interviewed a man on his 100th birthday. "What are you most proud of?" The man said, "I don't have an enemy in the world."

“What a beautiful thought! How inspirational! Tell me how you have achieved such a feat?” The man said, “To be honest, I outlived every last one of them.”

Isa. 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

We are to be prepared to tell the gospel of peace at any time, as we’re His ambassadors.

Each piece of the armor is a characteristic and quality that is reflected in one’s daily life. They’re lifestyle characteristics of a sincere and significant faith. They are not articles of Christian clothing to be leisurely put on and worn, but convictions and beliefs that are to be lived and maintained as a regular pattern of our lives.

According to Paul, **“peace” is an awesome weapon; it is a defensive and offensive weapon.** Peace will not only protect you; peace is also a brutal weapon, which when used correctly, keeps spiritual foes where they belong—under your feet!

Paul uses this same word **your feet shod** to tell us we must firmly tie “peace” onto our lives. If we only give “peace” a loosely fitting position in our lives, then the affairs of life will knock our peace out of place. We must “bind” peace upon our minds, and upon our emotions, in the same way that the Roman soldiers made sure to “bind” their shoes very tightly onto their feet.

When peace has this firm grip in our lives, then we are ready for action! The word “preparation” portrayed men of war who had their shoes tied on very tightly, and hence, they had a “firm footing.” With the assurance that their shoes were going to stay in place, now they were ready to march out into the battlefield and confront the enemy.

Therefore, the word “preparation” conveys the idea of “solidity, firmness, or a solid foundation.” Paul is clearly telling us that when “peace” is foundational in our lives, we have a “firm footing.”

This “peace” gives us a foundation so secure that we can move out in confident faith, without being moved by what we see or what we hear.

This aggressive peace puts us in a position to look directly into the face of the adversary, or directly into the face of a challenge, without being moved by what we see, feel, or what we hear.

God's perfect plan is that this prevailing and conquering peace will dominate your life! When this kind of peace is firmly fixed in your mind, emotions and soul, there is little the devil can do to move you! This peace gives you a firm footing. Regardless of how hard the enemy or the daily affairs of life hits you, this prevailing and conquering peace will hold you in place!

Two Kinds of Peace

First, there is peace with God. Peace with God is what a person experiences when he or she first comes to the Lord for salvation.

(KJV) – “And, having made peace through the blood of his cross...you, that were sometimes alienated and enemies in your minds by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled.”

Peace with God is a spiritual condition that belongs to all believers.

Second, in addition to this peace with God that is the birthright of all believers, there is also the peace of God. It is possible to have peace with God without experientially knowing the peace of God. The peace of God is very different from peace with God.

Many people are at peace with God by virtue of their conversion experience, but they are not walking in the peace of God. Instead of being dominated by this prevailing, conquering peace that passes understanding, they walk in constant fretfulness, anxiety, worry, and all kinds of other turmoil.

This is the reason that “peace” has been given to us as a weapon. The peace of God is a protective “peace.” It protects you from fretfulness, anxiety, worry, and everything else that the devil might try to use to disturb your enjoyment of abundant life.

Colossians 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

The word “rule” is a key to understanding this overcoming, conquering and dominating supernatural peace of God. **The word “rule” was used to portray the umpire or referee who judged the athletic games in the ancient world.**



You could translate the verse, **“Let the peace of God call the shots in your life...”** **“Let the peace of God umpire your life and your actions...”** **“Let the peace of God referee your emotions and your decisions...”**

Especially in these difficult days in which we live, we must learn to let the peace of God “rule” in our hearts!

When this supernatural peace rules in your heart, and when this supernatural peace umpires your life and serves as a referee to your emotions and your decisions, the devil cannot gain the foothold in your life that he desires to have...**Peace: A Defensive Weapon**

This upper portion of his footwear was very important! This piece of armor protected the soldier’s legs from being bruised, lacerated or broken in battle.

Commanding officers gave orders that required Roman soldiers to carry out difficult missions. At times, these dangerous missions required the soldiers to walk through rocky places and to scale difficult barriers.

Without protective guards on their lower legs, their legs would have been severely wounded and bruised as they dragged their legs past rough and sharp rocks.

God may give you an assignment in life that leads you through some challenging places. If you do not have this protective peace of God at work in your life, it is highly probable that you will be bruised by rocky relationships and rough situations.

On the other hand, when the peace of God is ruling in your heart, mind and emotions, you can forge your way through the rockiest of situations and never get one scrape or one bruise!

At such times—those extremely difficult times—you will realize that you have the peace of God and that you weren't bothered by all that trouble. You have total peace.

Phil 4:7 "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." The word "guard" (keep, KJV) means "to keep, to guard, to protect, or to garrison." It is the picture of a band of Roman soldiers who are standing "watch" over something that needs protection.

Spikes for Standing Firmly... The peace of God gives you a firm footing!

God gives us supernatural peace to firmly plant our feet in the ground. This enables us to say, "Regardless of what I see or what I hear, I'm not moving! I don't care how hard it becomes; the peace of God keeps me here, and I'm not moving until the work of God in this area of my life is finished."

A person who has the peace of God actively functioning in his or her life, is like a tall palm tree that is blown viciously by the winds of a hurricane. The fierce winds may bend the tree over, but when the storm passes, that palm tree pops right back up to its former position. Though the storm was severe, the roots of that tree held it in place.

There are going to be dark moments in your life—when you are deciding to stand in faith or not to stand in faith. You must plant your feet firmly into the soil of God's Word and declare you are not going to be moved. You must be grounded in the peace of God. For only His peace will keep you in that place of confidence.

I think it means, "Let your feet be ready to move with the gospel." Feet are for moving from one place to another.

I Peter 3:15 the very word "ready" is used in the same kind of exhortation. "Always be ready to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence."

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, good news, proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness: Our God reigns! Our God reigns!

Proverbs 6:15 Six things God hates and one of them is feet that make haste to run to evil.

Questions and Comments