

live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”
(Galatians 2:20)

As we can see, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is so desperately **CRITICAL** to our daily lives, Paul determined not to know anything among the Corinthians except the Gospel. In Galatians he further emphasizes this saying that we are crucified with Christ and He lives through us.

Properly wearing the shoes of God's spiritual armor, will keep us standing firm on the solid Rock, Jesus Christ. They will protect our “feet” when we walk over rough and difficult terrain. Think of this...

*“And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
Amen.”*
(Romans 16:20)

Conclusions

As with each piece of the Armor of God, the Word of God is es-

sential in our training. Also, each piece is ineffective when separated from the other pieces. We **MUST** take up the **WHOLE ARMOR** of God!

Practice! Practice! Practice!

We must practice with each piece of the Armor. The shoes are no different!

How do we practice the preparation of the Gospel of peace? Tell others about Jesus! It is the same message that brought peace into your life... why not share it with others?

After all, Jesus commands it...

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15)

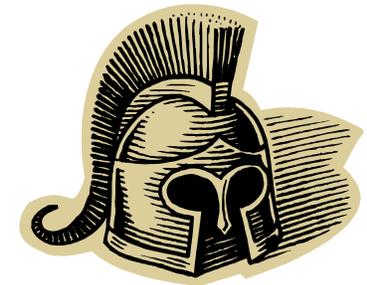
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The Armor of God

Part 5

The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace



“And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;”
(Ephesians 6:15)

Other Bible References

“Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.”
(Deuteronomy 33:25)

THE ARMOR OF GOD - THE SHOES OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!”

(Isaiah 52:7)

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (14) How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? (15) And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”

(Romans 10:13-15)

“But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”

(1 Peter 1:25)

The Armor of the Roman Soldier

One’s footing and one’s foundation, is likely the most important aspect of combat. If you have terrible balance; your shoes don't fit properly, or you are wearing the wrong type of foot gear, you will probably lose. In battle, this means you are likely going to die!

Can you imagine an NFL running back wearing beach sandals in a game? What would the outcome of that be? Definitely NO SUCCESS!

Some historians ascribe much value to the Roman soldiers’ footwear. These shoes would often have iron hobnails on the soles. This would provide two primary advantages. First they would add traction and balance. Second, they would inflict additional damage when used in kicking.

Spiritual Applications

As Christians, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is our Foundation! The salva-

tion power that the Gospel provides is the beginning of our walk with Jesus. In spiritual warfare, receiving and walking in the True Gospel of the Bible is ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL! We must WALK in the Holy Spirit!

“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”

(Galatians 5:16)

When we walk, we normally do so wearing shoes. Walking in the Spirit begins with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We must also, never stray far from this Gospel message. Paul stresses the importance of the Gospel in our daily lives.

“For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.”

(1 Corinthians 2:2)

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I