

EPHESIANS 6:15 PREPARED FEET.

INTRO:

- **The Roman soldier or citizen for that matter did not wear shoes at home or in leisure.**
- **The Roman soldier wore leather sandals bound by leather thongs over the top of the foot, the ankle and the some of their soles were thickly studded to give them traction and footing for holding ones ground or advancing in battle.**
- **How are shoes part of the armor? They protect, enable to move, stand, run, climb efficiently, effectively.**
- **This gave him a firm footing in the battle.**
- **The Christian is intended to be in motion.**
- **To be moving onward, marching forward and climbing upward, for God has given him for his outfitting shoes for his feet. They are for moving, for action.**
- **He is to be prepared for he has been given a belt to gird,**
- **He is to be heartfelt and holy for he has been given a breastplate.**
- **He is to be thoughtful for he has been given a helmet.**
- **He is to be a man of wisdom and faith for he has been given a large shield.**
- **He is to be advancing, fighting for he has been given a sword.**
- **We are not idol or sleepy, we are not to be affected by the chloroform of this world.**
- **Feet are for motion, for movement, for standing.**

1) SHOES OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE:

2) PUTTING THEM ON:

3) PERSONALLY:

4) FOR OTHERS:

1) SHOES OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE:

- These shoes are made of excellent materials for they are made for the preparation of the gospel of peace and the peace which grows out of the gospel. (Do I have it?)
- What peace is this?
- Peace: that which had been bound together. (Fellowship lost with God due to sin)
- It is a sense, a real sense of the perfect peace we have with God. Jn. 20,
- Reconciliation through the sacrificial death of God's Son, the second Person of the divine Trinity.
 - **Rev. 1:5**
 - Rom. 3:25; Whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.
 - Rom. 5:6, 8, 10
 - 1 Peter 2:24
- This gospel designed with infinite wisdom, brought about at an immeasurable, enormous expense. The blood of Jesus.
- Peace through the blood of the cross.
 - **Co. 1: 20-23**
- This gospel; that God having adopted us as His children, will not let us spoil or forfeit our birth-right here below.
- A man at peace with God has nothing now to fear, either in life or death.
- It will cause us and equip us to walk in faith's victory and will in the end have us to come to heaven with Christ.
- He will not let us meddle with the pollutions of this world or be yoked with unbelievers.
 - 2 Cor. 6:14-18
- This peace is brought to us by the infinite power of the Holy Spirit. An everlasting and immutable gospel.
- And the fruit of this gospel is peace and from this peace these sandals are made.
- Sandals which a man may tread on fiery serpents or piles heaps of coals.
- Coals of malice, slander or persecution.
- What great shoes we have.
- Carry us forward oh great "gospel shoes."

2) PUTTING THEM ON:

- **Preparation: Preparedness, Readiness.**
 - **Preparedness, to establish, make firm, make foundation.**
 - **How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word
What more can He say than to you He has said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**
 - **1 Ptr. 3:15; always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;**
- **Shod: Continuous tense. Having done and still doing.**
- **Paul gives to the gospel the power and responsibility of shoeing the Christian.**
- **This preparation is a readiness of mind and life.**
 - **Rom. 13:14, But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.**
- **To be readied and prepared with the gospel of peace is to be uprooted from all lesser things here below. Seeking those things that are above. Col.3:1**

3) THE SHOES FOR US PERSONALLY:

- **Personally knowing this gospel of peace is our firm foundation.**
 - **Rom. 5:1, 2,**
- **These truths must be the foundation of our walk with God. In peace, in war.**
- **Are we ready and resolved in our hearts with this finished work of Christ? Settle it in our hearts and minds.**
- **We are to be trained in mind and spirit with the truths of this doctrine of "peace with God." That we may walk through this world conquers with Christ in every way.**
- **The unbeliever cannot walk through this world in victory or free from the sinfulness of it, the filth of it, from the spirit of it or the mind of it, because he is wholly immersed in it.**
- **The unbeliever is so taken by the world, deceived by the world, swallowed up by the world and unable to stand having no "gospel footing."**
- **They sink deeper and deeper into the miry clay of the world and worldliness**
- **But the faithful Christian is able to overcome, to pass over the slough of despond for he is well instructed in this gospel of peace.**
- **This peace should lead me to a sweet fellowship with God.**

4) THE SHOES FOR OTHERS:

- **Isa. 52:7; How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good *things*, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"**
- **We are ambassadors of RECONCILIATION. **2 Cor. 5:18-21****
- **We are to be peace makers.**
 - **Mt. 5:9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.**
 - **Rom. 12:18; If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.**
 - **2 Tim 2:24, a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,**
- **1 Jn. 4:20; If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, ^[a]how can he love God whom he has not seen?**

CONCLUSION:

- **These shoes fit perfectly everyone's feet.**
- **They enable the wearer to go where without them he could not go. To do what without them he could not do.**
- **They enable him to go further, climb higher, run faster as he recalls and contemplates the gospel, his gospel of peace.**
- **These shoes protect, comfort and strengthen our souls.**
- **These shoes will never wear out or go out of fashion.**
 - **Dt. 29:5; And I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn out on your feet.**
- **Rough roads grow smooth, steep inclines flatten, burdens which were once we were unable to carry are now lightened **WHEN WE HAVE THE SHOES OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE ON OUR FEET.****