

Series "Our Riches In Christ"
"The Shoes"
Ephesians 6:15
Study-28

The **burdens, weights** and **pressures** that we are experiencing **Externally** and **Internally** are brought about by a condition called "Sin" Which is a spiritual condition!

The driving force behind the scenes of all of this is "The Devil."
Ephesians 6:10-13

God has graciously provided 7 pieces of armor: 6 Physical pieces of armor, and 1 Non-Physical piece which is the 7th piece, and that is prayer.

Shoes of Peace - **Ephesians 6:15**

Thought Of The Passage: "Believers Experience Peace In The Midst Of Their Battles Because Believers Have The Prince Of Peace"

- 1. Description Of The Shoes:**
- 2. Importance Of The Shoes:**
- 3. Shoes For The Defense:**
- 4. Shoes For The Offensive:**

1. Description Of The Shoes:

Ephesians 6:15 and having

Paul left off with **Ephesians 6:14 Stand firm therefore,**
The believer is not to lose ground but to stand in the Lord.

1. The Belt of Truth - Integrity, not whether we have truth but does truth have us?

HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH,

2. The Breastplate of Righteousness - We are to live lives of purity that we would not give the enemy room for accusations.
and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,
3. Shoes of Peace - **(Pictures Of Roman Shoes) shod YOUR FEET -**
The Roman foot soldier wore a half boot, that was made of leather. It was tied at the ankle and the shins. It had the toes exposed like a sandal. On the bottom of the soles were "hobnailed" or spikes that were made of pieces of metal embedded on the soles of the boots. (They would be likened to our football cleats.)

Proper shoes were a matter of life or death to the soldier. (3 Purposes)

1. A Soldier Needed Stability:

2. A Soldier Needed Endurance:

3. A Soldier Needed Mobility And Freedom:

2. Importance Of The Shoes:

(The meaning, spiritual **preparation**)

Ephesians 6:15 The word **PREPARATION** is the key to understanding what the Lord has in mind in this piece of armor.

PREPARATION - Has 2 meanings:

1. Stability: *"to stand firmly, to lay a foundation, standing your ground, defense"* **Stand - Verses - 11, 13, 14**

That as a Christian we are in a battle and we need the peace of God to be able to stand in the battle. God does not want us to fear the enemy and man. **(Defensive)**

2. Mobility: *"ready to carry it, prepare, make ready, to make the necessary preparations, get everything ready"* **(Offensive)**

What are we saying about this piece of armor?

What is the spiritual meaning of "The Shoes of Peace?"

1. We need to stand as a child of God, so we need the peace in the midst of the battle. We need to have peace that comes through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

2. We are to be ready to offer this peace to others. To be prepared to share this new life that God has given to us.

Isaiah 52:7

3. Shoes For The Defense:

(Peace to stand, Stability)

Ephesians 6:15 OF THE GOSPEL We need to define this term **GOSPEL** - *"good tidings"* could be translated *"Good news, stop the press!"* as the glad tidings of salvation through Christ;

1 Corinthians 15:1

GOSPEL - Paul will define for us what is meant by the word "Gospel."

He said, that in it **you stand!** (Paul said, to stand **3X** in this **Ephesians** passage on warfare **Verses - 11, 13, 14**)

**1 Corinthians 16:13; Philippians 4:1; Colossians 4:12;
1 Thessalonians 3:8;**

2 Thessalonians 2:15; 1 Peter 5:12; Jude 1:24

1 Corinthians 15:2-3

(1) Christ died for our sins - Yes, He loved us, but it was because we are sinners.

(Beware Of Subtracting From The Message) We don't like to use the term "Sin."

(Beware Of Adding To The Message) We say you are saved by grace but you still need to do this.

1 Corinthians 15:4

(2) He was buried, He was God, and He was man, He literally was placed in a tomb for 3 days.

1 Corinthians 15:4

(3) He was raised on the third day - That's what resurrection means; *"to rise again, to return again, to live again"*

The reason that people have such a hard time with the **death, burial,** and **resurrection** is because they believe that Jesus is just a man.

PEACE - *"rest, quietness, exemption from the rage and havoc of war, peace between individuals"* **(1) Peace with God; (2) The Peace of God.**

(1) Peace with God The "Peace" is a result of God forgiving our sins.

Romans 5:1-2

(2) The Peace of God. After we have had things made right with God, we have this fellowship and right relationship with Him.

Philippians 4:7; Colossians 3:15

Galatians 5:1

Instability – (The Opposite Of Stability) God wants stable Christians.

James 1:8 being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Ephesians 4:14-15 "children" - "an infant, little child"

tossed here and there by waves,

The baby Christian is like a little boat that is caught in the midst of the storm at sea.

carried about by every wind of doctrine, carried Lit, "*swung around*"

by the trickery of men, literally "*dice playing*"

Balance - They are like soldiers with one boot on.

4. Shoes For The Offensive:

(Peace to offer, Mobility)

Prepared to win the lost! The soldier needed to be mobile.

2 Timothy 4:2-4; "Marching Orders" Matthew 28:18-20

Mobility - The shoes were made for walking, climbing, running to go through sharp rocks in a riverbed. (Different Terrain, Settings)

Opportunity - prepared to go with the message of God's forgiveness.

1 Peter 3:15

Application:

1. The Believer Needs The Shoes Of The Gospel Of Peace In Order To Stand Firm As A Child Of God, And To Be Ready To Offer This Peace To Others.
2. The Peace The Believer Enjoys Is The Peace With God Through Forgiveness, And The Peace Of God Through Fellowship.
3. The Peace Of The Believer Is To Be Offered To Others. We Must Be Mobile And Ready For Varied Approaches, And Open To God Given Opportunities.