

**The Believer's Armor, Part 3:
The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace**
(Ephesians 6:15)

I. Your Strategy

- A. Christ has already defeated Satan. (1 John 3:8; Hebrews 2:14)
- B. Recognize that the power that defeated Satan dwells in you. (1 John 4:4)
- C. Resist Satan (1 Peter 5:8-9; Eph. 4:27)
 - 1. Don't be ignorant of his devices. (2 Cor. 2:11)
 - a. His devices are the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. (1John 2:16)
 - b. Bar the door to these devices
 - c. You will give no place to Satan.
 - 2. When you see him coming flee. (2Tim. 2:22)
- D. You get yourself oriented to do this by recognizing we are in a spiritual warfare which demands spiritual weapons. (2Cor. 10:3-4)

II. Your Security

- A. Using these weapons requires that your mind is given over to the Word of God so your thinking and feeling is controlled by that truth. (2Cor. 10:5)
- B. There are no short cuts to effective, victorious, Christian living.
- C. There's a real war and victory is available on a daily basis.

III. Your Support

- A. Roman soldiers wore thick-soled boots with hobnails on the bottom for footing and protection.
- B. The word "preparation" simply means "made ready or equipped."
- C. Our feet need to be properly shod for the battle.
- D. Many commentators say this refers to going and preaching the Gospel.
- E. But Ephesians 6 is about standing against the Devil. (Eph. 6:13; 1Cor. 16:13)
- F. The Good News is that man is an enemy of God and Christ has made peace a reality. (Rom. 5:6-10)
- G. When Satan comes to attack, our feet are rooted firmly on the solid ground of the Gospel of peace which says, "I'm not an enemy. I'm not on the other side God's on my side because of Jesus Christ. (Eph. 6:10)

IV. Conclusion

- A. Do you want to win? Are you wearing the belt of commitment?
- B. Do you seek to live a holy life? Are you wearing the breastplate of righteousness?
- C. Am you bold in the battle because your feet are firmly rooted in confidence in God?
- D. If you can answer those three questions, "yes," you're a victor and God's going to do exciting and revolutionary things with your life for His own glory.