

Armor Up: Shoes of Peace *(Ephesians 6:15 & Various Texts)*

Shoes

- Paul does not actually use the term ‘shoe’
 - Instead, he calls on God’s people to bind their feet
 - The Roman soldier frequently wore caligae, half-boots

The Gospel of Peace

- Our call is to be equipped with a readiness that comes with the Gospel of peace
 - Gospel: Good News
 - The good news that Jesus comes to give us peace
 - Peace: a restored relationship between (Eph. 2:14-18)
 - Us & God
 - One another
- This image is again from Isaiah (Isa. 52:7)

Readiness

- The call is not simply to believe the Gospel, but rather to be equipped with a readiness that comes from this Gospel
- First, to know the Gospel & live in the peace of our restored relationship with God (Rom. 5:1)
 - And work toward peace with one another (Rom. 12:18)
- Second, we are to be ready to share this Good News of peace with all (1 Pet. 3:15; Isa. 52:7; Col. 4:6)

Peace as Armor

- The peace that we have in Christ guards us against the Devil’s schemes (Phil. 4:7)
- The message of ‘peace’ in the midst of battle seems illogical
 - However, Peace is supposed to be the endgame of all war
 - The Gospel message is that Jesus defeats evil to bring us peace (Rom. 16:20a)

So What?

- Do we know peace with God through Jesus?
 - Are we working toward peace with one another?
- Are we proclaiming that Good News to all?

Meditation Verse: *Philippians 4:7*