

Brookland Baptist Church
Spiritual Warfare
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Defensive Armor #3 – “Gospel of Peace”

- “Announce the good news of peace as shoes for your feet.” (TEV)
- “Your feet fitted with the gospel of peace as a firm footing.” (NIV)
- “Wearing for shoes on your feet the eagerness to spread the gospel of peace.” (New Jerusalem Bible)

For believers to stand strongly and courageously against satan, Paul says, “**Shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.**” The word “shod” means to cover. Shod your feet – cover your feet.

The Roman Soldier wore a very distinctive shoe in battle called a “caliga.” It was a strong, sandal-type shoe with a sole studded with nails that pierced the ground and provided tremendous stability. The shoe was laced halfway up the calf with leather thongs. The caliga enabled the soldier to march long distances at speed and gave him mobility.

Physically, our feet provide balance to our entire body and are a major component of our ability to move from one place to another. Although our feet are precious parts of our body, they are often overlooked until something happens to them. Shoes are designed to protect our feet from injury and harm. When our feet are injured, the whole body is affected. There is little or no mobility and agility if the feet are impaired. The Roman soldier had to be sure his feet were protected.

Paul says, “**Cover your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.**” The word “**preparation**” comes from the Greek word “hetoimazo,” which is translated to mean “**established**” or “**firm foundation.**” The soldier's feet were covered and protected, firm and established, and he was assured that his foundation was firmed.

- His foundation was established.
- His foundation was sure and secure.
- His foundation would not fail him in battle.
- His foundation would not crumble in the face of apparent danger.
- His foundation would not give in when the enemy attacked.

The peace of God will assure you that the battle is not yours; it’s the Lord’s.

- **II Chronicles 20:15**

- **PEACE** – Inner contentment.
- **PEACE** – Calm in the midst of battle.
- **PEACE** – Serenity.
- **PEACE** – Assurance.
- **PEACE** – ALL is well, and everything is going to be alright.

Every believer needs to know some of the scriptures which assure you of the peace of God:

- **Romans 5:1**
- **Romans 15:13**
- **Ephesians 4:1-3**
- **Philippians 4:7**
- **Isaiah 26:3**

Only the peace of God will keep us standing firm when the violent attacks of satan come against us.

When we cover our feet with the gospel of peace, we can hold our peace!

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