



Day 3 (9/29/23): Shoes of Peace

A victorious soldier had to be prepared for battle. He had to have studied his enemy's strategy, be confident in his own strategy, and have his feet firmly planted so that he could hold his ground when the attacks came. A soldier's battle shoes were studded with nails or spikes, like cleats, to help him keep his balance in combat. He knew that, if he lost his footing and went down, it wouldn't matter how great the rest of his armor was; the enemy had him. When we are ready with the gospel of peace, we live with the understanding that we are continually under attack from Satan.

The "peace shoes" that God supplies His soldiers have two purposes: defensive and offensive. In order to defend ourselves against the "flaming arrows of the evil one" (Ephesians 6:16), we must have confidence of our position in Christ. We must stand firm in the truth of God's Word, regardless of how terrifying the circumstances may be (1 John 5:14).

When Satan attacks with a flaming missile of doubt, such as "If God really loved you, He wouldn't have let this happen," we dig our peace shoes into the turf of God's Word and reply according to God's word. We can have a firm grip in the unpredictable world. We have stability.

In addition to standing our ground, shoes are also for moving. God expects us to take the gospel of peace to others. First Peter 3:15 says, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." Sharing our faith is one of the best ways to maintain our own sure footing. God knows that, when we are active in speaking of Him to others, we not only charge into Satan's territory, but we dig our shoes more deeply into truth and will be much harder to dislodge.

Satan knows that where there is no peace there is also no victory. When we know God's truth and act/ behave according to His truth (in a righteous way) we can achieve peace. In Jesus Christ, we have peace with God.



Shoes of Peace Scriptures

Eph. 6:15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

2 Cor. 5:20,21 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Rom. 5:1, 2 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

Col 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

What is God saying to you through His Word? What does it mean to have feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of peace?

What is He calling you to confess? Where in your life are you walking without the Gospel of peace? Bring your need before Him and receive the gift of Christ's peace.

What do you want to ask God for so that you might walk in peace and Gospel readiness?

Pray for the WWWC Board to walk together with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of peace. May they stand in the truth of the Gospel knowing that they are justified by faith and not their own good works. Pray that the peace of Christ would rule in their hearts as they work together. Ask God to give them wisdom and discernment to follow God's calling and plan for the ministry. Pray that they would walk in integrity and intentionality.