

Ready for battle?

“...put on the full armour of God...”



Week 4: “...your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace”

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

*Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and **with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.***

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:10–18 (NIV - Anglicised)

“... feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace”

Think/Talk It Over

Question: What does the phrase “the gospel of peace” mean to you?

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The New Testament word for peace, ‘eirene’ means unity; concord; agreement. Do they help you in defining peace?

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Where are the places that God is asking you to take the gospel?

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How would you share the gospel with somebody if you had just a couple of minutes to talk about your faith with them?

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Read Matthew 28: 16-20, the Great Commission.

We are all called to go and make disciples, and we've all received gifts that help us to do that, even if we're not all 'evangelists.' What are your particular gifts that help you to do this?

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ARMOUR OF GOD

Sandals

Thick leather soles, embedded with hobnails or bits of rock for increased traction, were tied to the feet with numerous leather straps



ARMOUR OF LEGIONARY

Caligae (Sandals)

Fit for both marching and fighting

Became more comfortable with constant wear

ARMOUR OF GOD

Readiness/Preparation of the Gospel of Peace

“...and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.
Ephesians 6:15

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Think/Talk It Over (continued)

What are some of the key verses of Scripture that can help you to stand firm in your faith, and be ready to share the gospel at all times?

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Reflect on the phrase “For he himself is our peace” (Eph 2:14) What does this phrase mean to you? How did Jesus “preach peace” (2:17) How might we reflect His teaching?

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What impact does wearing shoes of peace have on your relationships and your witness for Christ? What does your “spiritual footprint” look like?”

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