

WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE

Ephesians 6:15--July 23rd, 2023



Sermon Recap:

The Armor of God: Shoes of Gospel Peace

The gospel of peace must be a regular part of your life if you are going to stand firm against the schemes of Satan.

I. What is the Gospel of Peace?

a. Peace with God

- We were once far off from God, separated by our sin. We were enemies of God, without peace and without hope.
- But Christ took the initiative to come to us in order to bring us near to God.
- He lived a sinless life, death under the wrath of God that was for us, and rose on the third day in accordance with Scripture.
- This is the gospel that bring peace between us and our Creator.

b. Peace of God

- Knowing that we are peace with God enables us to live with the peace of God.
- No matter our circumstances, we can have peace knowing that we are secure in Christ.

II. Why Do We Need the Gospel of Peace?

a. Steadfastness

- The Roman soldier's shoes provided them with agility and mobility.
- The gospel of peace allows the believer to transverse the rugged terrain of this world.
- It provides the peace necessary to remain steadfast in our journey.

b. Readiness

- The soldier's shoe also provided them the ability to stand firm against the enemy who tried to knock them off their feet.
- The gospel of peace anchors the believer when facing attacks. It allows us to keep our footing.

III. How Do We Put on the Gospel of Peace?

a. Know the Gospel

- Study the Bible and the truths of Scripture in order to know, understand, and articulate the gospel of Jesus Christ.

b. Believe the Gospel

- Simply knowing the gospel is not enough.
- We must possess a belief that leads to convictions shaped by the truth of the gospel. This is faith.

c. Be Shaped by the Gospel

- Saving faith that comes through the gospel will lead to sanctification.
- We must be conformed to the gospel and live out this new belief as stand firm in the gospel of peace.

Discussion Questions:

- What is the gospel of peace?
- Why is the gospel "good news?"
- How did Christ reconcile sinners to God?
- What is the connection between having peace *with* God and possessing the peace *of* God?
- What does peace look like in a fallen world?
- How does the gospel provide peace to remain steadfast?
- How does the gospel enable us to stand firm?
- What practical steps can be taken to put on the gospel of peace?

Application:

- How would you explain the gospel to an unbeliever?
- Are there areas of your life where you feel that you are engaged in spiritual warfare?
- Have you shod your feet with the gospel of peace?
- How is your heart, soul, and mind?
- How is the gospel of peace real to you right now?
- What practical steps can you, your family, and/or your church do to put on the gospel of peace?

