

Being Sure-Footed Will Bring Peace

Ephesians 6: 14-15

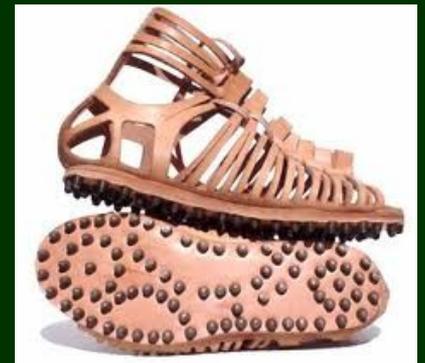


Ephesians 6:10-15 (NIV)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² 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. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor 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. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Army Boots

- The sandals, or shoes were probably made to cover the foot and were fitted with nails / studs so they could stand firm. Similar to football or baseball spikes
- *Greaves* were fitted to the shin or lower legs normally made of bronze or other thin metal. It was to protect the lower leg from attacks by arrows or swords.



PAUL IS TALKING ABOUT OUR DEFENSE.

The Gospel Brings Peace

- **This verse refers to a believer's stability or sure-footedness that comes from the gospel which gives him peace so he can stand in the battle.**
- **Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)**

THE OPPOSITE OF PEACE IS WAR OR CONFLICT.

- Before we accept God's grace found in Christ Jesus we are just that – we are at war with God because of our sinful nature.
- If we are not on God's side then we are considered an enemy. Look at - **Matthew 12:30** "He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters.

- **God provided a way for us to not be in conflict with Him and that was and is through the gift of His Son and our Lord.**
- **This peace is first objective / intentional – something we can know exists and subjective / personal in that we can experience or feel the peace.**
- **We can know His peace by accepting His grace – if we accept His grace then we can be assured of salvation. It is Christ's death on the cross that provides us with forgiveness and salvation.**
- *...because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. (Hebrews 10:14)*

- Satan the deceiver wants us to be in conflict and to have uneasiness in our spirit.
- My guess is that we have forgotten to put on our army boots.
- We tend to be our worst enemies creating the lack of peace
- Allow the grace of God to do what is necessary to create the inner peace and that is to forgive us and provide us salvation. With the Gospel we will have peace.

Gideon Defeats the Midianites

