SHOES OF PEACE Ephesians 6:10-14

As soldiers of Christ, our mission is to put on the full armor of God and stand firm.

To put on the full armor is to be clothed with Jesus.

This morning we are going to look at the 3rd piece of the armor.

We are to anchor or set our feet in a position of readiness.

Ephesians 6:15 NLT

The studded soles enabled the soldier to stand firm, maintaining his position in battle.

Ephesians 6:15 Amplified Bible

Having strapped on your feet... conveys the idea of binding something very tightly.

When peace has this firm grip in our lives, we are ready for action!

In preparation... conveys the idea of "solidity, firmness, or a solid foundation."

When "peace" is foundational in our lives, we have a "firm footing."

"peace"... conveys the idea of a "peace that prevails or a conquering peace."

This "peace" gives us a foundation so secure we can walk in confident faith.

The Gospel declares three distinct dimensions of peace.

I. PEACE WITH GOD

Colossians 1:19, 20 Amplified Bible

Peace with God is experienced when we are saved.

Romans 5:1, 2 NLT; Romans 5:1, 2 Amplified Bible

Before we can have our feet ready for the spiritual battle, we need ask ourselves,

HOW MUCH IMPACT DOES THIS GOSPEL OF PEACE HAVE ON ME?

When we realize just how much God has done to give us real peace,

it will be natural for our lives to be radically different.

Once we find true peace with God, we are ready to put on the shoes of peace.

II. THE PEACE OF GOD

It is possible to be at peace with God without experientially knowing the peace of God.

Many are at peace with God having been saved, but they are not walking in the peace of God.

Instead, they walk in constant <u>fretfulness</u>, <u>anxiety</u>, <u>worry</u>, <u>and turmoil</u>.

Colossians 3:15 NLT; Colossians 3:15 Amplified Bible

The peace of God protects us from <u>fretfulness</u>, <u>anxiety</u>, <u>worry</u>, and everything else the devil might try to bring against us.

Philippians 4:7 Amplified Bible

THE PEACE OF GOD GIVES YOU A FIRM FOOTING!

God gives us peace to firmly plant our feet in the ground.

A believer who has the peace of God actively functioning in their life, is able to Stand.

What will enable you to stand your ground when opposition comes your way?

III. GOD'S PERFECT PEACE!

Isaiah 26:3 Amplified Bible

You must receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Master.

John 1:12 Amplified Bible

You must plant your feet firmly into the soil of God's Word and declare you are not going to be moved.

You must be grounded in the peace of God.

You must trust in the Lord and fix your thoughts on Him.

HIS PEREFECT PEACE WILL ENABLE YOU TO STAND YOUR GROUND!