

Shoes of Peace

Ephesians 6:14-15

The Roman Soldier's shoes were no JOKE!! Here is a brief description of these killer shoes. These shoes were made up of two parts. The first part of the shoe is called a (greave). Its made of brass and it starts at the top of the knee and ends at the top of the foot. The second part is the shoe itself. The top and bottom of the shoe was made of metal with leather straps holding it all together. The best part is treads on the bottom of the shoes. There were 2inch spikes on the bottom to help with holding your ground and striking your enemy in the heat of the battle.

- Notice the word "Fitted" in vs. 15. This is not a picture of a loosely fitted shoe. This shoes was tied to the foot extremely tight!
- Paul uses this word to tell us that we must firmly tie peace around our lives. IF we only give peace a loosely fitting position in our lives, the worries of this life will easily knock our peace out of place.
- Peace gives us a foundation so secure that we can step out in confident faith without being moved by what we see or what we hear and that's a big deal for some of you here in this room this morning!
- Peace also puts us in a position to look directly at our challenge without fear or intimidation. King David used this same peace when he went out to fight Goliath.
- IF David didn't have aggressive prevailing peace he would have never spoke up in the first place. He would have just dropped of the food for his brothers and said good luck with that.
- Notice what David says in 1st Samuel chapter 17, vs. 46. "This day the Lord will hand you over to me and I will strike you down and cut off your head."

Look at vs. 48 “As the Philistines moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.”

- If this supernatural peace is being disturbed in your life and chaos is attempting to regain its former place then you need to recognize that you

are under attack! **BUT**

- The presence of chaos and the absence of peace does not necessarily mean that the enemy has attacked you. It might be a sign that **YOU** have violated some principle of Scripture or that **YOU** have disobeyed the will of God for **YOUR** life. So before you go out and try to fight the devil off of your back you might want to take a hard look in the mirror.
- The devil is not always the source of your problems!! Examine your life to see if you are the cause of the lack of peace in your life. The devil made me do it is much easier than confronting our own behavior. See if you have left a gaping hole open somewhere that has lead you to the place that you are currently in!

There Are Two Kids Of Peace.

1. There is **peace with God**. Peace with God is what someone experiences when they first come to Christ and repent of their sins. This belongs to all believers.
2. Then there is **peace of God**. The peace with God and peace of God are two totally different things. Lets look at this.
 - Many people are at peace with God because of conversion but a lot of people are not walking in the peace of God. Instead of walking in prevailing peace that surpasses understanding, they lay in fretfulness, anxiety, and worry.

- This is the very reason peace has been given to us as a weapon!! The peace of God is a protective peace.
- The devil will take advantage of any unrenowned areas of your mind and turn you into an unstable emotional wreck! Even if there wasn't a physical devil, the changes of life alone would be enough to keep you messed up emotionally.
- This is why we must learn to let the peace of God "RULE" in our hearts especially in the world that we live in!
- Satan can't play games with your mind when it is governed by peace.

• How Peace Protects You

- When you walk in the peace of God, that peace protects you from cuts, scrapes, bruises, and hurts. It's like a protective greave that we were talking about earlier. It shields your mind and emotions from wounds that could cripple your faith.
- When the peace of God is ruling in your life, you can walk through those difficult places in life and never be wounded or bruised. We've got too many wounded believers walking around without their shoes of peace firmly fastened to their feet. Its time we overcome and got our victor through the peace of God!!!AMEN!!
- So stay alert of this truth as you grow in your walk with God, spiritual confrontation will come to challenge your new growth. You must walk in the prevailing, conquering peace of God.