



❖ MESSAGE NOTES

GEAR UP: Week 3 - Boots & Shields

... and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ~ Ephesians 6:15

Armor Piece #3: GOSPEL OF PEACE BOOTS!

CALIGAE ~ ROMAN FOOTWEAR

These were heavy-soled hobnailed military sandal-boots.

Paul says our feet should be "fitted with the readiness" that comes from the Gospel of Peace.

HETOIMASIA ~ Greek

Refers to preparation, readiness, ensuring a good foundation, or firm footing.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." ~ Matthew 28:19-20

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ~ Ephesians 2:1-2

*And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
~ 2 Corinthians 4: 3-4*

FOUR KEYS OF THE GOSPEL

- 1) God loves you and He has a wonderful plan for your life.
- 2) People are enslaved to sin, held captive by it, and separated from our Holy God. On our own, we cannot know and experience God's love and plan for our lives.
- 3) So God sent Jesus to those who were enslaved, to die for our sins, to set us free from the law of sin and death.
- 4) By accepting this truth about Jesus and making Him the Lord and Savior of our lives, we are set free from sin and begin to know and experience God's love and plan for our lives.

*If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.
~ Romans 12:18*

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. ~ Romans 14:19

*Still, the good guys have to beat the bad guys before than can truly be peace.
The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. ~ Romans 16:20*

*I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all
the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ~ Luke 10:19*

Armor Piece #4: SHIELD OF FAITH

*In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all
the flaming arrows of the evil one. ~ Ephesians 6:16*

*The Roman soldiers actually used two different types of shields. The first was a small,
round shield called an **apsis**. It was strapped on the forearm of a soldier and was
used to parry blows in hand-to-hand combat.*

THUREON ~ GREEK

*From the word Thura - meaning door. Referring to a door-sized shield the Romans
called the Scutum.*

*After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram.
I am your SHIELD, your very great reward." ~ Genesis 15:1*

*In a desert land He found him, in a barren and howling waste. He SHIELDED him
and cared for him; He guarded him as the apple of His eye... ~ Deuteronomy 32:10*

*About Benjamin he said: "Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in Him, for He
SHIELDS him all day long, and the one the Lord loves rests between His shoulders.
~ Deuteronomy 33:12*

*Blessed are you, Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord? He is your
SHIELD and helper and your glorious sword. Your enemies will cower before you,
and you will tread on their heights. ~ Deuteronomy 33:29*

*Faith is the confidence that God is who He says He is and that He will do
everything He has promised to do.*

*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not
see. ~ Hebrews 11:1*

*No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God
is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you
are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.
~ 1 Corinthians 10:13*

*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. ~ Ephesians 6:12*

*With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall.
~ Psalm 18:29*

*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
~ James 4:7*

ANTHISTÉMI ~ GREEK

*To set yourself against; to withstand, to resist, to oppose. Holding one's ground.
Refusing to be pushed back. Take a firm stand against. Forcefully declare your
personal conviction.*

*For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the
victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ~ 1 John 5:4*