

SERMON NOTES

**Title: The Invisible War (9):
God's Armor – Sandals of
Peace**

Text: Ephesians 6:10-20

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The third piece of armor mentioned are **Sandals**: "*having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.*"

Sandals used by the Roman army are credited for giving troops a **firm foundation** which helped them keep their **balance** when they went into battle.

The metaphor here is to be found in the word preparation, which means to **establish and to be prepared**. It is in reference to a **firm foundation** and it conveys the idea of being **ready** to share the Gospel, which brings peace between man and God.

Satan's first assault is deception. His second assault is condemnation. His third assault is to cast doubt on the **goodness** of God and the **Gospel**.

The centerpiece of the Gospel is **grace**.

If Satan can get Christians focused on **performance**, instead of grace then he can get you to doubt God's goodness.

Satan comes as an Angel of Light with another **gospel**, another **Jesus**, another **way**.

If you don't have a firm foundation which is a solid understanding of the Gospel, the belt of truth and the breastplate of righteousness are of **little value**.

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

The Gospel is the **good news** that Jesus died on the cross to pay for your sin and the sins of all the people and because of that, the power of sin is broken, and Satan has been defeated, and you are free.

The authority in matters of our faith is **God's Word the Bible**. And the Bible says, "*This is the record that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His son. He that has the Son has life. He that does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I've written to you in order that you may know you have eternal life.*" 1 John 5:11-13.

Sharing your faith is a powerful **faith builder**.

"I'm not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation." Romans 1:16