

Peace Sandals Ephesians 6:15

What a Roman soldier's sandals were all about:

- ❖ How important is footwear for a soldier, or even for an athlete?
- ❖ What was on the bottom of these soldiers' shoes, and what did it provide?

Why we need feet prepared with the gospel of peace:

- ❖ There are some verbal similarities with Isa. 52:7 (*feet, peace, gospel / good news*). Rom. 10:14,15 also mentions feet and gospel / good news). Both repeat proclaiming a message.
- ❖ Note here there is no mentioning of proclaiming anything at all plus the preparedness is to be able to *stand firm* (main verb) for the benefit of people already delivered / saved.
- ❖ Why do we need footwear associated with the gospel of peace if this is warfare? See *peace* (harmony / wholeness) in 1:2, 2:13ff., 4:3, 6:23.

How we put on footwear prepared with the gospel of peace:

- ❖ Consider how the devil attacks with accusations (Rev. 12:10).
- ❖ Peace is ours through Christ (Eph. 2:13ff., Jn. 14:27, 16:33), but what if our recognition of it is lost because of personal failures or doubts?
- ❖ What practical thing could I do to strengthen my appreciation for the peace I now have with God through Christ?



Stand firm...having strapped on your feet the gospel of peace in preparation [to face the enemy with firm-footed stability and the readiness produced by the good news] (Amplified Bible)