

Your Feet Shod

Eph 6:15

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And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Introduction:

The Christian was evidently intended to be in motion, for here are shoes for his feet.

His head is provided with a helmet, for he is to be thoughtful; his heart is covered with a breastplate, for he is to be a man of feeling; his whole nature is protected by a shield, for he is called to endurance and caution; but that he is to be active is certain, for a sword is provided for his hand to use, and sandals with which his feet are to be shod. To suppose that a Christian is to be motionless as a post is altogether a mistake.

It is true he makes us lie down in green pastures, but equally certain is it that he leads us onward beside the still waters. A true believer is an active person; he has feet, and uses them.

Notice

Matthew 20:4

And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

Matthew 20:7

They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

Matthew 22:9

Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.

Matthew 28:19

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Mark 16:15

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

We are to be active in the Lord's work.

The active and energetic Christian will face temptations which do not happen to others. Idle persons can scarcely be said to be in danger, they are a stage beyond that, and are already overcome.

Satan cannot bear a man who serves God earnestly; he does damage to the arch-enemy's dominions, and therefore he must be constantly assailed. The prince of darkness will try, if he can, to injure the individual's character, to break his communion with God, to spoil the simplicity of his faith, to make him proud of what he is

doing, or to make him despair of success.

In some way or other he will, if possible, bruise the workers heel or trip him up, or lame him altogether. Because of all these dangers, infinite mercy has provided gospel shoes for the believer's feet, shoes of the best kind, such as only those warriors wear who serve the Lord of Hosts.

These shoes that have been provided by God Himself, and since it is God who has provided them and fashioned them, they are made with the greatest material, the Gospel, the Gospel of peace.

These shoes are not only provided by God and made from the Grandest of all, but also because our Maker provided them, they fit perfectly and need no straining to pull them on.

No man can travel well, much less engage in battle successfully, unless he is properly equipped, especially his feet, and no foot was ever uncomfortable when once it had put on this shoe.

These shoes also provide the wearer with a firm foundation, and foothold.

Habakkuk 3:19

The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

2 Samuel 22:34

He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and setteth me upon my high places.

These shoes are good for climbing, marching, walking and running.

Note with these shoes the Christian will be ready to:

1. To Seize Every Opportunity

2 Tim. 4:2

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

2. To Surmount Every Obstacle - wiles of the Devil

A. To Busy

B. Discouragement

C. Cold or Indifferent

3. To Strengthen Every Weakness

A. The Christian soldier cannot afford to have one place of weakness unprotected, for if he does, that is where the Devil will attack.

B. No matter how wonderful everything else in our lives may look, if our foundation is weak, if

we are not properly grounded, our entire lives will end up in ruins.

C. We must be anchored in this Book. The Word of God must be our foundation.

D. If the foundation is the Gospel, every other weak place will be shored up by the solid foundation.

Close:

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HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION, YE SAINTS OF THE LORD
IS LAID FOR YOUR FAITH IN HIS EXCELLENT WORD!

WHAT MORE CAN HE SAY, THAN TO YOU HE HATH
SAID TO YOU WHO FOR REFUGE TO JESUS HATH FLED?

FEAR NOT, I AM WITH THEE; O BE NOT DISMAYED
FOR I AM THY GOD, AND WILL STILL GIVE THEE AID;

I'LL STRENGTHEN THEE, HELP THEE, AND CAUSE THEE
TO STAND,
UP-HELD BY MY RIGHTEOUS, OMNIPOTENT HAND.

WHEN THROUGH FIREY TRIALS THY PATHWAY SHALL
LIE,
MY GRACE ALL SUFFICIENT SHALL BE THY SUPPLY

THE FLAME SHALL NOT HURT THEE; I ONLY DESIGN
THY DROSS TO CONSUME AND THY GOLD TO REFINE.

THE SOUL THAT ON JESUS HATH LEANED FOR REPOSE

I WILL NOT, I WILL NOT DESSERT TO HIS FOES;

THAT SOUL, THOUGH ALL HELL SHOULD ENDEVOUR
TO SHAKE,

I'LL NEVER, NO, NEVER, NO NEVER FORSAKE.

Thank God for the shoes that He has provided. Are we
going like He has commanded?

Are we following as He leads?