



Shoes of the Gospel of Peace

Read:

Eph 6:15

Did you know: A Roman soldier wore boots called '*caligae*'. Which Roman Emperor had a nickname of "Little Boots"?

After the BELT and the BREASTPLATE the next item of armour was the SHOES.

What do you know about the boots?

"The military successes both of Alexander the Great and of Julius Caesar were due in large measure to their armies' being well shod and thus able to undertake long marches at incredible speed over rough terrain."

Forward in power; standing in strength; no way of walking backward...
Which of these aspects calls most to you right now?

On Readiness...

Option 1:

Ready and alert for what the future may hold for us

Read Isaiah 52:7

Thoughts?

Read Revelation 16:15

Thoughts?

Read 2 Timothy 4:2 - 5

What do you think these verses mean to us today?

Option 2:

Prepared foundation or base leading to a sure footing.

Read Phil. 1:6

Read Hebrews 3:12

Read Hebrews 10:19 - 23

How would you cover the idea of 'readiness'?

The Gospel

Read Mark 1:1

What does this mean to you?

The word used is a Greek word and would be fairly new to the Hebrew mindset:

euangelion

Does this word remind you of any words in English?

Some have said that Mark, in starting his book this way, has started a new genre of writing: Gospel - the Old English - GodSpel - good news.

So when you hear the word gospel what do you think?

What sort of Good News do people WANT to hear today?

And what news do they NEED to hear?

But this Gospel placed here has something of a contradiction, doesn't it?

Placing the Gospel of Peace amongst the things of War?

Why would Paul do this?

Refer to vs 12.

What sort of struggles do you need to seek peace from?

Can you see any ways of bringing peace to others?

How would you describe your own shoes at the minute?

Comfortable?

Tight?

Slipping?

Toe poking out?