

**\*Shoes or sandals of peace;**

**Ephesians 6:15 (NKJV) <sup>15</sup> and having *\*shod* your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.**

*\*shod -in Greek grammar translates, "having underbound the feet;" that is, having bound on the shoes, or sandals, worn by the ancient soldier. The protection of the feet and ankles consisted of two parts:*

*(1)The sandals, or shoes, which made so as to cover the foot, they were fitted with nails, or armed with spikes, to make the hold firm in the ground:*

*Reference: 1corinthians 16:13, 1 Corinthians 15:58, Galatians 5:1,Exodus 14:13-14, 2 chronicles 20:17,*

*(2) the "greaves" that were fitted to the legs, and designed to defend them from any danger. These "greaves," or boots were made of brass, and were used among the Greeks and Romans.*

*\*God is The God of peace:*

**1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NKJV) <sup>23</sup> Now may The God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Reference 2thess 3:16**

*\*God is the Author of peace:*

**1 Corinthians 14:33 (NKJV) <sup>33</sup> For God is not *the author* of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.**

*1.) Who is the author of confusion?*

*\*God`s Kingdom is a Kingdom of peace:*

**Romans 14:17 (NKJV) <sup>17</sup> for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.**

*\*God sent His message of peace through Jesus Christ:*

**Acts10:36 (NKJV) The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ, He is Lord of all.**

*\*The Gospel of peace- we have peace with God in our salvation through faith in Jesus Christ:*

**Romans 5:1 (NKJV) Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,**

*\*Jesus is our peacemaker: Jesus Christ work on the cross repaired the damage effected by the fall and change of all of creation from a position of enmity; being at odds or at war with God, back to peace and reconciliation with God;*

**Colossians 1:19-20 (NKJV) For it pleased The Father that in Jesus Christ all the fullness should dwell, and by Him (Jesus) to reconcile all things to Himself (God), by Him (Jesus) whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.**

*\*References; Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 53:5, Ephesians 2:14*

*\*After informing His disciples of His departure from this earth and The assurance of sending them the Holy Spirit, Jesus also invoked His personal grant of peace on The disciples:*

**John 14:27(NKJV) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. *\*Reference: Colossians 3:15***

1.) *What does Jesus specifically contrast His peace to?*

*\*The Holy Spirit is our peace of mind through total surrender and reliance on Him:*

**Romans 8:6 (AMP) <sup>6</sup> Now the mind of the flesh is death [both now and forever—because it pursues sin]; but the mind of The Spirit is life and peace [the spiritual well-being that comes from walking with God—both now and forever];**

*Reference; Galatians 5:22-23*

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*\*As Jesus was sent by God to preach the Gospel of peace, Jesus sends us to preach the gospel of peace:*

**John 20:21(AMP)** Then Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you; as The Father has sent Me, I also send you as My representatives.” Reference; 2corinthians 5:20, Luke 4:18-19

*\*The direct order/commission given by Jesus Christ sending us to preach The Gospel of peace:*

**Mark 16:15 (NKJV)** And Jesus said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

*\*Pauls warning of our obligation to preach the Gospel and failure to fulfill that obligation:*

**1 Corinthians 9:16-17 (NKJV)** <sup>16</sup> For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity/obligation is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have been entrusted with a stewardship. Reference; Acts 26:16-20

*\*The urgency for the call to preach the Gospel of peace:*

**Romans 10:13-15 (NKJV)** <sup>13</sup> For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”<sup>14</sup> How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup> And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!” <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “LORD, who has believed our report?” <sup>17</sup> So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Ref; Romans 1:16

1.) *Who is spoken of in these verses that need to hear The Gospel of peace?*

2.) *What is the only way they can hear The Gospel of peace?*

3.) *What is the result in those that hear and believe The Gospel of peace?*

*\*The preparation of the gospel of peace;*

*\* God`s Word instructs us to be prepared at all times; willing and able at a moments notice to go forth with The Gospel of peace:*

**2 Timothy 4:2 (NKJV) <sup>2</sup> Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.**

*1.) What does it mean to be ready in season and out of season?*

*2.) How are we instructed to preach The Word?*

*3.) In preaching The Word, what are we to convince people of?*

*4.) In preaching The Word, what are we to rebuke people for?*

*5.) In preaching The Word, what are we to exhort people to?*

**1 Peter 3:15 (NKJV) <sup>15</sup>But sanctify the Lord God<sup>l</sup> in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;**

*1.) What is the best way to always be ready to give a defense for the hope that is in us?*

*2.) What is the hope we have in us?*

*3.) How are we instructed to give our defense to those that ask us the reason for the hope that is in us?*

*\*A good template to follow in light of preaching forth The Gospel of peace:*

**2 Timothy 2:24-26(NKJV) <sup>24</sup>And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, <sup>25</sup> in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, <sup>26</sup> and *that* they may come to their senses *and escape* the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will. Reference; Colossians 4:5-6**

*\*Some examples of instruction in readiness and preparedness to go forth with The Gospel of peace:*

*\*The Israelites were commanded by The Lord to eat the Passover with their feet shod, to be prepared and ready for their journey out of bondage from Egypt:*

**-Exodus 12:11(AMP)** <sup>11</sup> **And you shall eat it thus: as being fully prepared for a journey your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.**

*\*The Lord commands his disciples to be shod with sandals, that they might be ready to go and make known or speak forth the Gospel of peace:*

**Mark 6:7-9 (NKJV)**<sup>7</sup> **And He called the twelve to *Himself*, and began to send them out two *by two*, and gave them power over unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff, no bag, no bread, no copper in *their* money belts, <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics.**

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**James 3:17-18 (NKJV)** <sup>17</sup> **But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.**

**Colossians 3:15 (KJV)**<sup>15</sup> **And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.**

**Hebrews 12:14 (NKJV)** <sup>14</sup> **Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:**

**Romans 12:18 (NKJV)** <sup>18</sup> **If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.**

**Proverbs 16:7 (NKJV)** <sup>7</sup> **When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.**

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**Philippians 1:27(NKJV)** <sup>27</sup> Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God

**Ephesians 4:3-6 (NKJV)** <sup>3</sup> endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;* <sup>5</sup> *one Lord, one faith, one baptism;* <sup>6</sup> *one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.* Reference; 2 Corinthians 13:11

*Further instruction for obtaining, maintaining and sustaining peace:*

**Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)** <sup>6</sup> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; <sup>7</sup> and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

**Isaiah 26:3 (AMP)**<sup>3</sup> You will guard him and keep him in perfect and constant peace whose mind [both its inclination and its character] is stayed on You, because he commits himself to You, leans on You, *and* hopes confidently in You.

**Psalms 119:165 (NKJV)** <sup>165</sup> Great peace have those who love Your law,  
And nothing causes them to stumble.

**Proverbs 3:1-2 (NKJV)** My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands;<sup>2</sup> For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you.

**2 Timothy 2:22 (NKJV)** <sup>22</sup> Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

*\*Ending blessing and admonition:*

**Matthew 5:9 (NKJV)** <sup>9</sup> Blessed *are* the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

*\*Those who are not shod with The Gospel of peace:*

**Isaiah 59:7-8 (NKJV) The way of peace they have not known, And *there is no* justice in their ways; They have made themselves crooked paths; Whoever takes that way shall not know peace.**

**Romans 3:16-18 (NKJV) <sup>16</sup>Destruction and misery *are* in their ways; <sup>17</sup>And the way of peace they have not known.” <sup>18</sup>“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”**

**Isaiah 48:22 (NKJV) <sup>22</sup>“*There is no peace,*” says the LORD, “for the wicked.”**