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Ephesians 6:15
Put Your Shoes On

Introduction: Many of us like to run barefoot or to wear socks around the house. That gives occasion to stub our toes. Life is not different but God gives His protective shoes.

A. Historic

1. Roman soldier
 - a. Caligae- military boot or sandal
 1. Sometimes had metal spikes in them
 2. Some historians' state shoes were a major reason for Rome's strong army
 - b. Calceus, elegant shoe worn by higher ranking officers
 - c. Greaves were part of the leg guards
2. Biblical, Ex. 12:11

B. Having shod

1. Greek
 - a. Aorist-Once
 - b. Middle-Subject initiates and does
 - c. Participle-having done
2. Shod, NT Gk. 5625 "bind under one's feet, put on shoes or sandals"

C. Feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace

1. Feet, (Wiersbe)
 - a. Clean, Jn. 13:1-10
 - b. Beautiful, Rom. 10:15
 - c. Shod, Eph. 6:15
2. Preparation, hapax legomenon
 - a. GK. , NT, 2091 "preparation" classical GK-firm foundation
 - b. At least three possibilities for readiness
 1. State of peace with God because of a good standing
 2. State of being ready for combat because you are at peace with God
 3. State of being ready to proclaim the gospel of peace
3. Gospel
 - a. GK., NT 2098 "gospel, good news"
 - b. Probably not referring to being a witness
4. Peace, Kittel
 - a. GK, NT 1515 "peace, prosperity"
 - b. Three considerations
 1. A feeling of peace and rest, I Cor. 14:33
 2. State of reconciliation with God, Eph 2:14-17
 3. Salvation of the whole man. Heb. 13:20

Conclusion: A spiritual battle is waging. Stand firm in the gospel of peace with your loins girded with truth and the breastplate of His righteousness protecting you every day.