

## "The Shoes"

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.* Ephesians 6:10-13

### I. Review

**Belt of Truth** - *Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,* Ephesians 6:14

Temptations **TRIP** us up.

**Breastplate of righteousness** - *...with the breastplate of righteousness in place,* Ephesians 6:14

The **HEART** - which represents the center of logic, thinking.

The **BOWELS** - which represents the center of emotion.

### II. Shoes of the **GOSPEL OF PEACE**

*...and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.* Ephesians 6:15

Design reflects **PURPOSE**

*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* Ephesians 2:10

#### Shoes for the Roman Soldier

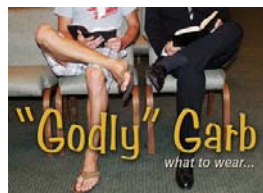
1. **PROTECTION**
2. **STABILITY**

#### Shoes for the Christian

### III. Fundamentals of **STANDING**

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1. **FITTED**
2. **READINESS**



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*How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"* Isaiah 52:7

### Ephesians 6:11-14

#### 3. GOSPEL OF PEACE

The word "Gospel" means GOOD NEWS

#### What exactly is the good news of Peace?

*Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!* Romans 5:7-10

#### IV. The STABILITY of Peace

*You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.* Isaiah 26:3

Peace vs. FEAR

*There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love banishes fear. Since fear is crippling, a fearful life—fear of death, fear of judgment—is one not yet fully formed in love.* 1 John 4:18 (Message)

Peace vs. TURMOIL

Peace vs. WORRY

Peace vs. UNCERTAINTY

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:6-7