

Ephesians 6:15

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

We have been learning that although we must be aware the battle is real, ultimately our defense is in God and in His ability to meet us at the point of our need.

A good pair of boots allows the soldier to be ready to march, to climb, to fight, or to do whatever else is necessary. Christ Jesus seeks the same readiness of those who walk in His name.

The Gospel of Peace is this truth: In Christ we are at peace with God.

When our feet are shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, we stand in the confidence of God's love for us, in His union with us, and in His commitment to fight for us.

Adam was created in perfection, yet his armor was insufficient for combat. How can we hope to stand without the power of the Lord?

To be able to 'bring the good news,' you personally have to be in a healthy place in which you are secure in your own relationship with the Father.

Take care that you have on the whole armor of God...partial armor does not work well. One part left unprotected will prove to be fatal, as if you were exposed in every part.

It all begins with believing not only that God is able, but also that He is willing and desires to do more than you could ask or imagine.

GREEK WORDS

Hypodeō (hoop-od-eh'-o)—to bind under one's feet, put on shoes or sandals :- bind on, (be) shod

Hetoimasia—preparation; general readiness

Bāsar (baw-sar'—primitive root; properly to be fresh, full (rosy, cheerful); to announce (glad news) :- messenger, publish, (bear, carry, tell good) tidings