### **Spiritual Warfare**

**Full Armor of God** 



Lesson 09

Armed for Battle
Shoes of Peace

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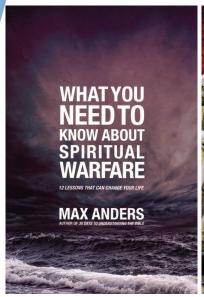
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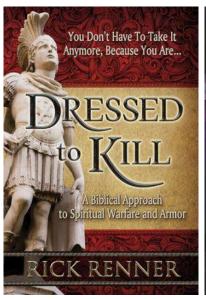
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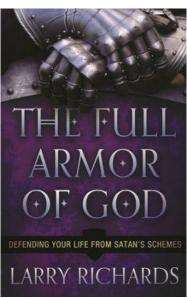




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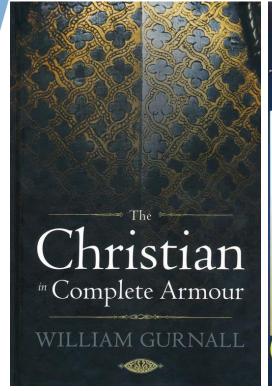


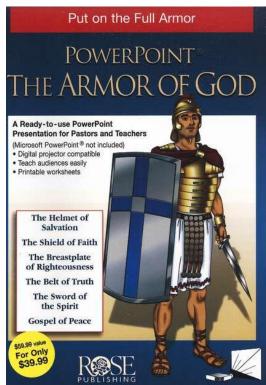






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The WHOLE ARMOR of GOD



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ARE YOU READY FOR BATTLE?





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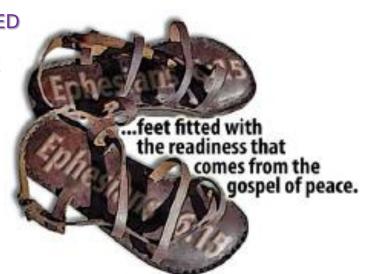
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## Armed for Battle: SHOES OF PEACE Scriptural Context

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#### Main Scriptural Text: The Whole Armor of God



#### THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

**EPHESIANS 6:10-18** 

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— ... NKJV

#### Spiritual Warfare --- Review



#### Our Strategic Plan: Be Strong in the Lord

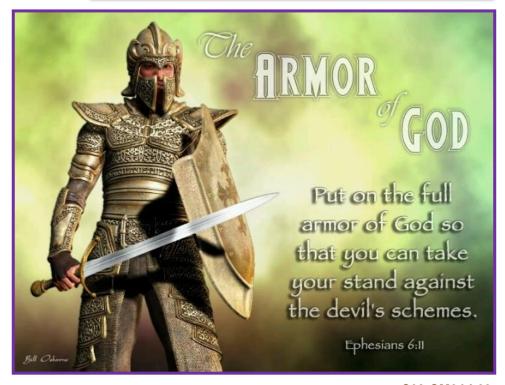
- Rely on the strength of the Lord
   ✓ Not our own strength
- Rely on the power of the Lord
  - ✓ Not our own power
- Our victory is assured
   ✓ IF we rely on the Lord
- "Put on" and "Take up"
  - √ The full armor of God

#### Enemy Tactics:

- Deceit
- "Be not deceived"

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

--- Ephesians 6:10 ... NKJV



#### Spiritual Warfare --- Review



#### **Armor Elements & Spiritual Truth**

ELEMENT	RESOURCE	Review
Belt	Truth	ALL BODY ARMOR HINGES TO THE BELT; JESUS IS THE TRUTH; HOLY SPIRIT OF TRUTH
Breastplate	RIGHTEOUSNESS	Breastplate protects the Heart - the seat of Affections; God's Righteousness is Imputed;
Shoes	GOSPEL OF PEACE	COVERED IN THIS LESSON
Shield	FAITH	
Helmet	SALVATION	
Sword	THE SPIRIT	
Comms Gear	PRAYING ALWAYS	





#### **Armed for Battle:**

SHOES OF PEACE

The Preparation of the Gospel of Peace

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<sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

--- Ephesians 6:15 ... NKJV

- Having shod your feet...
  - Notice the tense
    - Before you stand you must have already shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.
- The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace
  - Protects the soldier's legs from enemy obstructions - Greaves.
  - Provides stability for the soldier to fall in battle is fatal - Caligae.







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#### Greaves - Leg Guards

The primary purpose of **greaves** is to protect the tibia from attack.

The tibia is a bone very close to the skin, and is therefore extremely vulnerable to just about any kind of attack.

A successful attack on the shin results in that leg being rendered useless, greatly hampering one's ability to **stand** or maneuver in any way.

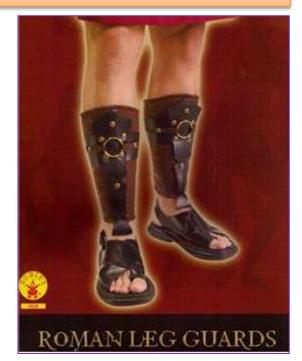
Greaves were used to counteract this.





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- Greaves Leg Guards (Concluded)
   Greaves usually consisted of a metal exterior with an inner padding of felt.

The felt padding was particularly important because, without it, any blow would transfer directly from the metal plating to the shin, rendering the piece of armor almost useless.





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Caligae - (Latin; singular caliga)
 Heavy-soled hobnailed military boots known for being issued to Roman legionary soldiers and auxiliaries throughout the Roman Republic and Empire.

Worn by all ranks up to and including centurions.





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Caligae - (Continued)

Caligae were constructed from three leather layers of which the top formed the outer shell.

They were laced up the center of the foot and onto the top of the ankle.

Iron hobnails were hammered into the soles, to provide the caligae with reinforcement and traction.





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#### Caligae - (Concluded)

Without his shoes, a Roman soldier could not maintain his position against his enemies.

The studded soles enabled the soldier to stand firm.

They kept the soldier's feet from slipping in battle.





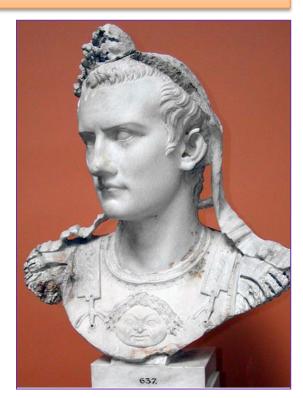
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CALIGULA, the emperor whose nickname stemmed from the diminutive of caligae (meaning "LITTLE BOOT").

His father **Germanicus** was a well esteemed military officer.

Germanicus' soldiers nicknamed Caligula, who stayed in camp with them often, after the amusing legionary costume he wore as a child.

When Caligula wore caligae as emperor, he covered them with precious jewels.



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- Do you have beautiful feet?
  - Isaiah 52:7

Many scholars believe that this verse applies to the Shoes of Peace Idiom presented by Paul in Ephesians 6:15.



<sup>7</sup> How beautiful upon the mountains Are the **feet** of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

--- Isaiah 52:7 ... NKJV



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#### Preparation

The Greek word rendered "preparation" or "readiness" in Ephesians 6:15 can also be translated "prepared foundation"—in other words, a firm basis for a soldier's feet.

"Be Ready (Prepared)"... a command

1 Peter 3:15

Jesus Christ is our foundation.

1 Corinthians 3:11

God 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;

11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

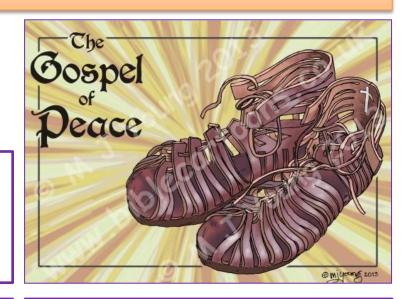
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- Gospel "Good News"
- Peace "Shalom"
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<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,<sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

-- Ephesians 2:8-10 ... NKJV



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My peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

-- John 14:27 ... NKJV



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<sup>20</sup> Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

--- 2 Corinthians 5:20-21 ... NKJV

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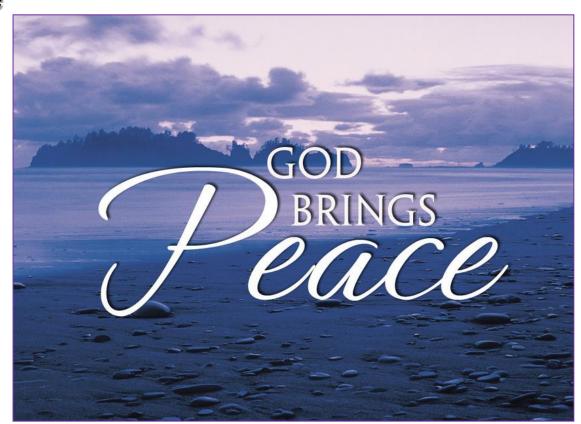
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#### Two Types of Peace

- 1) Peace with God
  - What a person experiences at salvation - once repentance is complete, peace with God is received.
  - Peace with God is a spiritual condition that belongs to ALL believers.
  - Romans 5:1

**5** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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  - 2) Peace of God
    - It is possible to have the Peace with God without knowing the Peace of God.
    - The Peace of God is a protective peace, that protects the believer from ...
      - Fear
      - Anxiety
      - Worry
    - Philippians 4:6-8

<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.

--- Philippians 4:6-8 ... NKJV



FEET PREPARED WITH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace

#### —Ephesians 6:15

#### **SUMMARY**

- Shoes protect the believers legs and feet and provide the ability to stand.
- Shoes provide stability to the believer proper footing during engagement.
- ➤ The good news of peace provides the believer with confidence in the promises of God stabilty.
- The good news of peace provides the believer with security of reconciliation.







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SHIELD OF FAITH

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