

STUDY NOTES FROM KAREN HOERDEL'S "SPIRITUAL ARMOR" TEACHING SERIES

Introduction: "Feet Shod with the Gospel of Peace – Gospel Shoes"

Next we come to the shodding of your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace. The Roman soldiers wore sandals that were bound with leather straps around the ankle and over the instep, and the soles were thickly studded with nails. The studded sandals enabled the soldiers to dig in and stand their ground, establishing a firm footing.

Gospel Shoes Study Notes

The Roman sandals had nails to grip the ground so they would not slip and slide but stick firmly into the ground. The Romans climbed hills, and marched many miles; they traveled over mountains and rough terrain. They covered the known world at that time, leaving Rome and conquering many nations. They were well known for their speed and how quickly they could move. Their sandals were light with firm footing and speed.

The gospel is to be the firm foundation of our faith: if we stand on that we can stand against the enemy.

Preparation = firm footing, readiness

Readiness = be ready with an answer for every man; eagerness and willingness every day to share the gospel.

Our feet should be marching forward into enemy territory - not running backwards. We are going to pull out the people the enemy has captured. Expect a fight; you might get harassed, ridiculed and mocked. You will meet opposition; but you can also expect the power of God to back you up. He will make a way.
The peace of God does not mean the absence of trials.

"Eirene" means to be made whole; to be made complete

"Shalom" means - "God bring me whatever trial, whatever hassle, whatever problem I need in my life to make me whole, complete."

It is not an absence of tribulation. The peace of God means to make whole or to join together, specifically to bring man and God together and make whole.

When Christ comes into our life - we are made whole - made one with God.

Jesus Christ is our peace. The Prince of Peace is one of His names. The only way you can have peace with God is through Jesus Christ.

Pray:

Lord, make me willing to do this. Every day as I put on your armor - and come to my feet and put on the gospel shoes, I ask for preparedness, that I will be ready today for anyone I meet - even if it is not convenient at the time - that I would put my plans aside and be ready with the gospel and that God would bring people to me. I repent of having

my feet on any other foundation, and for being ashamed of the gospel.
Empower me to go forth with the message of peace. AMEN.

Scripture References for the Gospel Shoes:

Feet of the Saints

1 Samuel 2:9 - preservation
II Samuel 22:34 - set on high places; feet like glue
Psalm 40:2 - upon a rock
Isaiah 52:7
Isaiah 61:1
Colossians 1:23; 2:6-7

Preaching the Gospel - you haven't really found it until you tell it
Gospel = to bring or announce glad tidings, good tidings, the good news
Mark 16:15-16, 19-20 - Jesus commands it
Luke 2:8-11 - good tidings
Luke 8:1 - Jesus did it
Acts 10:36-43 - the gospel
Romans 1:16 - be not ashamed - the answer for every problem
Romans 10:9-15 - how shall they hear?
II Corinthians 4:3-7
II Timothy 4:1-2

Peace - "Eirene" (I-ray-nay) cp. "Shalom"

To be whole, complete; from verb "to join"; to reconcile God and man by the gospel
Matthew 10:32-36 - not peace on earth (the first time)
Romans 5:1 - peace with God
Ephesians 2:11-17 - Jesus is our peace
Colossians 1:20-23
The Prince of Peace = Peace
There will be no peace on earth until Jesus Christ returns!