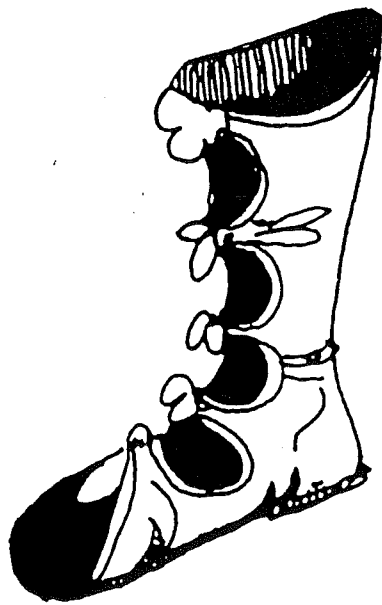


# THE FEET SHOD WITH PEACE

(How God's Peace Shields You in Battle)



## The Peace of God

- A Divine Tranquillity
- A Divine Quietness
- A Divine Security

*"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." (John 14:27)*

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# “Standing Victoriously Against The Enemy”

(Message #7)

**Text:** Ephesians 6:10-18)

**Subject:** “The Power Of The Peace Of God”

(v. 15) “And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace”.

## Introduction

1. We have dress shoes, work shoes, leisure shoes, running shoes, basketball shoes, golf shoes, soccer shoes, snow shoes, etc:
2. Yet, a soldier’s shoes are more important than any other shoes, because his very life can depend on his footing.
3. In Paul’s day, the Roman soldier wore sandals with hobnails in the soles to give firm footing.
4. These bits of metal or nails gave the needed traction as the soldier fought in battle.
5. Feet properly shod enabled the soldier to,

A. March long distances.    B. Walk without stumbling.    C. Fight without slipping.

**Question:** What does our feet shod with the gospel of peace have to do with us today?

**Question:** How does feet prepared help us in battle?

**Question:** What is the gospel of peace that helps us in the journey?

**Fact:** Satan is after this one ingredient!

**Fact:** This one ingredient will help us stay calm in battle.

**Fact:** The one final piece of armor is the gospel of peace which is: a peaceful spirit regardless of the situation.

**Question:** Why are our feet mentioned?

**Answer:** Because feet represent our daily walk with God. (They symbolize our journey)

◆ And in our journey - Circumstances arise - Disappointments occur - People surprise us.  
(And the enemy longs to rob us of our inheritance purchased at Calvary - The Peace of God).

**Question:** What is this “Peace of God”?

**Answer:** The word “Peace” (EIRENE) means six things:

1. Rest
2. Order
3. Harmony
4. Security
5. Tranquil
6. Quietness

## Peace Is:

1. Tranquility in your inner man because of God’s **presence** in your life.
2. **Security** in the midst of **turmoil**; the eye in the middle of the storm.
3. That assurance given by God, that He is **in control** and **over all** that touches you.
4. The fruit which gives **order**, **rest** and **harmony** to you on the inside.
5. That quality of God’s nature imparted to a believer who is **yielded** and **surrendered** to the Holy Spirit’s control

## Many Look For Peace In:

- |               |               |              |                           |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Power      | 5. Clothes    | 9. Drugs     | 13. Geographic Location   |
| 2. Prestige   | 6. Fancy Cars | 10. Tobacco  | 14. Immoral Relationships |
| 3. Position   | 7. Sports     | 11. Jobs     | 15. Material Things       |
| 4. Popularity | 8. Pleasure   | 12. Religion | 16. Man's Approval        |

## But God's Peace Can Only Be Ours As...

1. We open our hearts to what God wants to do in us.
2. We allow the Spirit of God to break us, mold us and use us for His glory.

## Why Is The Peace Of God So Important? (2 Paramount Reasons)

### #1. God's Peace Is A "Guard" For Our Hearts:

"And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep (guard) your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus". (Philippians 4:7)

**Fact:** The peace of God is pictured as a garrison against the enemy who seeks to invade our heart and disrupt us.

**Fact:** The peace we receive from God will keep constant guard and protect us from the anxieties that seek to steal our tranquility.

**Fact:** Without this peace our guard will be down, making us vulnerable to fiery darts of the evil one who attempts to pull our minds in many directions.

### #2. God's Peace Is A "Guide" To Know God's Will:

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body, and be ye thankful". (Colossians 3:15)

**Fact:** God has promised us that His peace would rule, or be present, when we are in His will.

**Fact:** The Holy Spirit will bear witness with our Spirit as we make decisions in life.

**Fact:** If this peace is absent, we should step back and admit, "something is not right".

**Fact:** When we are in God's perfect will, we will have His peace ruling in our heart; His peace will assure us that we are doing what He desires.

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## How Do We Obtain And Maintain This Peace?

### 1. We Must Have Peace With God!

"Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ".

(Romans 5:1)

- A. This comes to us as we receive Christ and His finished work at Calvary to justify us before God.
- B. Guilt and condemnation are removed (for there can be no peace without revelation that our sin is forgiven)

## 2. We Must Have Peace With Man!

“Leave there the gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift”. (Matthew 5:24)

- A. Our natural (human) response is to resist and avoid those who have aught against us.
- B. Jesus teaches us to “go” and “clear the record” to protect us from harboring any ill will that will manifest itself through slander, gossip, bitterness, malice and evil reports.

## 3. We Must Be Constant In The Word!

“Great peace have they which love thy law and nothing shall offend them”. (Psalm 119:165)

- A. Peace will be the by product of those who forget not His testimonies.
- B. This peace will produce such inner character through the Word, that the heart will not be injured or take offense (which would cause you to stumble).

## 4. We Must Be In The Will Of God!

“Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not; to him it is sin”. (James 4:17)

- A. Rebellion against the revealed will of God will steal our inner peace. (Eph. 4:30)
- B. We must, as well, keep out the weeds that would rob us of a clear conscience. (Psalm 66:18)

## 5. We Must Know How to Pray!

“Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God: And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts (feelings) and minds (thinking) through Christ Jesus”. (Philippians 4: 6,7)

**Fact:** If anybody had cause to worry and forfeit his peace it was Paul the apostle?

- A. He faced division in Rome among the preachers. (Philippians 1:15)
- B. He faced division in Philippi with Euodia and Syntyche. (4:2)
- C. He faced the impending execution while in prison. (1:21)

### **(Yet Paul Said “Be Anxious For Nothing”)**

#### **What Is Worry?**

1. The word translated “anxious” (careful) in 4:6 means: “To be pulled in directions”.
2. The English root word for worry means: “To strangle”.
3. Worry strangles the worrier by causing headaches, ulcers, neck pain, etc.
4. Worry (if allowed to remain) will affect our thinking, digestion and effectiveness.
5. Worry is an “inside job” that is defeated by scriptural praying (real prayer).

### **3 Steps To Perfect Peace**

#1. “Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer”. (v. 6)

**Fact:** This word **prayer** means adoration, worship and devotion.

**Fact:** It means to focus on the greatness and goodness of God.

**Fact:** It allows us to get our eyes off ourselves and on to the Father.

#2. "...And **Supplication**..." (v. 6)

**Fact:** This word means the earnest sharing of our needs, burdens and cares with the Lord.

**Fact:** This is not a casual, "It's all yours Lord" prayer.

**Fact:** It is an earnest "praying through" that leaves our petitions in His care.

**Fact:** It means "to relinquish", "let go", "turn over" and "give up" to God what would consume you.

#3. "...With **Thanksgiving**, let your requests be made known unto God". (v. 6)

**Fact:** The word "thanksgiving" here means: "To express appreciation to God".

**Fact:** It means to express gratitude in prayer to God that He has heard your request and is involved in the answer.

**The Result Of True Prayer?**

#1. The peace of God will guard your heart (feelings).

#2. The peace of God will guard your mind (thinking).

**And Results In...**

◆ A quiet confidence within regardless of circumstances, people or things!!!

**Conclusion**

**(2 Supreme Illustrations)**

1. **Daniel** Daniel (6:1-10)

"He kneeled upon his knees and prayed, and gave thanks and made supplication before God".

**Fact:** The king declared that no one was to pray to anyone except the king.

**Fact:** But, Daniel went to his room and prayed as he always prayed.

**Fact:** The result was perfect peace in the lions den (while the king in his palace could not sleep.  
(ch.6:18)

2. **Jesus** (Mark 4:37-40)

In the midst of a raging storm with His disciples, Jesus is unalarmed, calm and asleep on a pillow. Nothing takes Him by surprise; He is never caught unawares. Peace comes to me when I focus on the One who knows where I am, why I am there, how long I will be there and what good will result. We must always remember, "He knows the way that I take, and when He had tried me, I shall come forth as gold. (Job 23:10)

**"Now The God Of Peace Be With You All". (Romans 15:33)**

**Amen!**

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