

**Title:** "No Shoes no Service"

**Text: Ephesians 6:15:** *and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the Gospel of peace.*

**Target:** There is deliberate irony in today's message as we consider the message of peace in the midst of spiritual warfare, especially during this Christmas season. The gospel of peace enables us to wage war against the forces of evil not just effectively, but confidently.

- I. **Parallel of Peace:** "as **shoes** for your feet"...of **peace**"
  - a. **Provided Stability** -Cushioning
  - b. **Prevented Slipping** -Cleats
  - c. **Protected from Sabotage** -Covering
  
- II. **Perspective on Peace:** "**having**"... "**peace**"
  - a. **Looking at Peace:** **Greek:** Eirene =Bound together **Hebrew:** Shalom = Complete
  - b. **Lasting Peace:** "*having*" is the idea of possessing, not pursuing.
  - c. **Lacking Peace:** The enemies effort is to untie the laces of the shoes of peace in effort to destroy you. #doubleknot
  
- III. **Promise of Peace:** "**given by Gospel of peace**" means "Good News or too good to be true".
  - a. **Peace with God: Romans 5:1:** *Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"*
  - b. **Peace of God: 2 Thess. 3:16:** *Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way.*
  
- IV. **Principle of Peace:** "**Readiness (establishment or foundation)...of peace**"
  - a. **Peace of God Rules** you! **Colossians 3:15:** *let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts*
  - b. **Peace of God Equips** you! **John 14:27:** *Peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.*
  - c. **Peace of God Assures** you! **John 16:33:** *In me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation, but take heart; I have overcome the world!*
  - d. **Peace of God Defends** you! **Philippians 4:7** *and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*
  - e. **Peace of God Yields** you! **John 20:21:** *Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, even so I am sending you.*

**Take Away:** You are called to be a person of peace! "*Blessed are the peacemakers*" Matthew 5:9

- **Lace Up: Romans 16:20:** *"God peace of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.*
- **Speak Up: Romans 10:15:** *"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news"*