

Shoed with the Gospel (Ephesians 6:15)

I. Introduction

- A. Illustration: The importance of shoes: sneakers, Gettysburg, and Rome
- B. Our study of the armor of God reviewed (Eph 6:13-17)
- C. *The readiness of the Gospel*
 - Genitive of subject* (our standing is because of the Gospel) or
 - Genitive of object* (we are ready to preach the Gospel)
- D. Outline of today's sermon

II. Feet ... which lead to destruction

- A. Feet quick to do evil (Proverbs 6:18, 1:15-16, Isaiah 59:6-8)
 - 1. The verdict Romans 3:12-14 *The way of peace he has not known*
- B. Feet that slip to destruction (Deut 32:34-35)
 - 1. Jonathan Edward "*Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*"
 - 2. The dread of living in danger of such great wrath (Is 8:13-15)
 - 3. Worldly pleasures may appear to bless wicked men for a season, but destruction, desolation, and terror awaits them (Ps 73:17-19)
- C. The opportunity which the Gospel presents to sinners
 - 1. Jeremiah's call to repentance (Jer 13:16)
 - 2. The Psalmist's Gospel song (Ps 40:1-3)

III. Feet ... shod with the Gospel of Peace

- A. Peace, *Shalom*, man's greatest need
 - 1. The enemy of shalom is sin
 - 2. Sin requires a decisive divine action (wrath or the Gospel)
- B. The Gospel of shalom with God
 - 1. What is the Gospel? (Rom 5:6-9, 1, 2Cor 5:19, Col 1:20)
 - a. Ps 103:12, Is 43:25
 - 2. Revealed by the prophets (Gen 3:15, Is 53:5)
 - 3. What a contrast! What a weighty joy!
 - You are Christ's and Christ is God's (1 Cor 3:23)
 - 4. What would keep you away? *The whole world?* (Mk 8:36)
 - 5. *Come let us reason together ...* (Is 1:18)

IV. Feet ... ready to stand, walk, and run ...

- A. Ready to stand against the devil
 - 1. Confidently facing opposition (Psalm 18:35-36)
- B. Ready to walk (Hab 3:19, Eph 4:1, 5:1)
- C. Ready to run for the prize (1 Cor 9:24, Heb 12:1-2)
- D. Feet turned beautiful (SS 7:1)
- E. And ready preach the good news (Is 52:7)
 - 1. To unbelievers (Rom 10:14-15)
 - 2. to believers (Rom 1:7, 15)