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## THE ARMOR OF GOD

### lesson 4— sandals with the gospel of peace

Review from previous 3 lessons:

1. There is a battle between good and evil, and I am the prize
2. What are Satan's 2 goals? (keep people out of heaven & keep people from glorifying God)
3. So, what can Satan do to the Christian? (tempt you from the outside)
4. The first area to guard BEFORE going into battle is what? (the mind)
5. What does it mean to "gird up your loins"? (put away anything that would "trip you up")
6. What are 2 Biblical examples of someone who made a righteous decision when tempted and someone who was tempted the same, but didn't make a righteous decision? (Joseph vs David)
7. What do you get by obeying God's commands and living a righteous life? (God's protection)

-So, we've talked about guarding our minds and our actions from Satan's attacks. The next area to stand and guard has to do with something else on the inside called "peace".



#### I. What Was the Roman Soldiers Sandal Like?

- A. It was a flat and heavy sandal that tied up the leg
- B. On the bottom was small "hobnails" which were like cleats

\*these allowed the soldier to have good footing to cross rough and slippery terrain

#### II. How Does This Apply to Us?

- A. Just like these shoes, there is only 1 thing that will keep us from "slipping" and be able to help us "hold our ground"...PEACE

\*All of us long for peace. We try to find peace in relationships, good grades, sports, drugs & alcohol, money, etc. When your boyfriend/girlfriend dumps you, what is left? What happens when you run out of money. What about when you wake up the next morning from smoking or drinking something you shouldn't have.

\*Satan wants us to try to fill our hearts with everything but Christ, but each of these leaves us still "wanting" and searching for something new.

- B. So, where on earth does this peace come from? True peace that never fails only comes from Jesus Christ.

\*Illustration- Woman at the well (relationships couldn't fill her peace...Jesus gave living water)

-John 4:7-18

- C. For the person who doesn't have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ...
1. no matter how good you try to be and no matter what "good" things you try to fill your life with (relationships, being friendly, drugs/alcohol, popularity, good deeds, etc.), you know that there is an unexplainable emptiness inside of you
  2. you were created by a Creator with a purpose; you were never created to live life on your own
  3. that same Creator desires to have a relationship with you, and through that relationship open your eyes to who He has created you to be
    - a. with that relationship comes guidance and protection
    - b. with that relationship comes answered prayers
    - c. with that relationship comes eternal life
  4. the problem is, that Creator is perfect and cannot have a relationship with sinful people
  5. the good news is God, the Creator, made Himself into a man Jesus) and poured out all of God's wrath on Jesus at the cross, even though Jesus lived a perfect life
  6. when we choose to accept what Jesus did on the cross, confess that we are sinners who aren't deserving of a relationship with God, and then choose to live a life of faith and trust in God's commands, we begin that relationship with God through Jesus Christ
- D. For those who already have begun a relationship with Jesus Christ....
1. we must stand firm in who God has created us to be to live in God's peace
    - \*not living in sin
    - \*not trying to be someone you're not
    - \*finding joy in who God created you to be
  2. we can stand firm when we fall because we know God's forgiveness



## VERSE FOR THE WEEK

**II Corinthians 5:17** - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come.