June 5, 2005 Ephesians 6:15

#27. Armoured With Peace

REVIEW:

➤ The assignment is to <u>stand firm</u> against the devil's schemes The devil attempts to get us to quit.

- The first part is to know the truth and commit ourselves to living by it ("having girded your loins")
- ➤ The second part is to <u>actually</u> live by it ("the breastplate")
- > The third part?

and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace

I. "your feet"?

On our own, we are <u>vulnerable and easily hurt</u>. It's hard to stand firm

II. "the gospel of peace"?

- a) The most important peace is <u>peace with God</u> Romans 5:1 Picture a man on his way to the gallows: give him a bouquet or give him a pardon?
- b) Lacking <u>peace with God</u> is our most significant problem

Romans 1:18; Hebrews 11:6 (in reverse)

c) This sort of peace makes all other sorts of peace possible

Peace with others (Romans 12:18)

Peace with <u>your circumstances</u> (II Thes. 3:16)

"Peace with yourself" (Romans 15:7)

III. "having shod your feet with the preparation of..."?

We make ourselves much less vulnerable by getting really clear, and staying really clear, on...

THE DETAILS OF HOW GOD IS AT PEACE WITH US

- ➤ He arranged the whole thing <u>personally</u>, so it has been <u>perfectly</u> arranged.
- ➤ He was motivated by <u>love for us</u>, so He will keep it <u>in place</u>.

Ephesians 1:4-13

He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.

In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will...

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us

having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,