

SERMON NOTES

Date: January 31, 2021

Series: God's Riches

Title: The Gospel of Peace

Text: Ephesians 6:15

Big Idea: The shoes of gospel peace help us stand our ground when assaulted by the enemy and prepare us to take the gospel to a world in need.

APPLICATION GUIDE

DISCUSS

In your own words, define the *shoes* Paul speaks about in Ephesians 6:15, and describe how they function.

How can Christians put these shoes on?

How does the *gospel of peace* help believers stand firm? Discuss one or more of the following examples:

- The disciples (Matthew 10:16-19)
- Peter and John (Acts 4:1-22)
- Stephen (Acts 7)
- Paul and Silas (Acts 16:16-34)
- Jude and all believers (Jude 21-24)
- Other examples

APPLY THE TRUTH

Because you have *peace with God* through belief in the gospel, how can you stand firm when tempted to sin or when you feel guilt and shame because of sin?

Describe how you can experience the *peace of God* when you encounter the following:

- a financial stress
- a medical crisis
- disrupted plans
- failed efforts or performance
- interpersonal conflict

Who do you know who would benefit from God's peace? Make a list of two or three people with whom you would love to share how they can have the peace of God in their life.

How does the gospel of peace give you peace in your flawed efforts to reach out with the good news?

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Ask God to create opportunities for you to begin gospel conversations with the people on your list (cf. Colossians 4:3).