

THE SHOES OF READINESS FOR THE GOSPEL OF PEACE
EPHESIANS 6:10-20
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Questions for Study & Reflection

1. Can you summarize in your own words what we've learned about the belt of truth and the breastplate of righteousness? Why is it so important that we understand each piece of the armor and that we put it on day by day?
2. Read Eph 2:11-22 and then define what you think Paul means by the phrase "gospel of peace." How does this gospel relate to what Paul teaches in the rest of Eph?
3. Read Rom 16:17-20 and explain how it is that the gospel of peace is related to warfare. How does your answer account for the words of Jesus in Mark 10:34-39.
4. What do you think Pastor Charlie meant when he said, "The readiness for the gospel of peace comes from the gospel of peace"? How does his statement clarify what the Christian's motivation ought to be for sharing the gospel?
5. Spend some time thinking through the following questions and ask the Lord to help you put on the shoes of readiness for the gospel of peace:
 - a. Are you prepared for the gospel of peace? Do you know him and love him? Is he your true passion? Do you pray and read his Word on a daily basis, that is, do you commune with him?
 - b. Do you understand the basics of the gospel? Are you growing in your understanding of how and why you were saved? Does your heart rejoice as you grow in understanding?
 - c. Do you have the ability to articulate the gospel to others? Are you growing in your passion and ability to do so?