

THE GOSPEL GIVES US TRACTION.

Ephesians 6:15

and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

Q: What do we mean by “the Gospel?”

A: The good news that Jesus came to save us from our sin and brokenness.

Q: Why is the Gospel good news?

A: Because without it, there is only condemnation, emptiness, and despair.

Q: Why is the Gospel associated with shoes?

A: Where Christians go, the Gospel goes.

Q: Why is the Gospel associated with peace?

A: It reconciles us with God so that we can be at peace with others.

Titus 3:3

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

- Remember you carry good news: God reigns!
- Be confident that the news is indeed good!

Romans 10:13-15

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

Gospel shoes

- 1) The Gospel guards the foundation of our life.¹

- 2) The Gospel gives us the footing we need to stand firm.

- 3) The Gospel gives us the confidence we need to go forward.

1 Peter 5:8-11

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 21:15

for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

¹ See Iain M. Duguid, *The Whole Armor of God: How Christ’s Victory Strengthens us for Spiritual Warfare* (Wheaton: Crossway, 2019).