WEEK 5--SHOES AND SHIELD SCRIPTURE/NOTES

[Eph 6:15 KJV] 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

[Eph 6:15 ESV] 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

[Eph 6:15 NLT] 15 For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.

- SHOD--to bind under one's self, bind on
- READINESS--the act of preparing

[Mat 24:44 ESV] 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

[Mat 25:10 ESV] 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.

[Luk 12:40 ESV] 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

[Rev 19:7 ESV] 7 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready...

[Tit 3:1 ESV] 1 Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work...

• PEACE-- the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is

[Eph 2:14 ESV] 14 For he himself is our peace...

[Eph 2:11-19 ESV] 11 Therefore remember that at one time you were Gentiles in the flesh...
12...separated from Christ...having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in
Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For
he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the
dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments...that he might create in
himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to
God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. 17 And he came and
preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through
him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers
and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of
God...

[Rom 5:1 KJV] 1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

[Isa 61:1 ESV] 1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; (this is good news)

[Isa 52:7 ESV] 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."

[Act 10:36 ESV] 36...preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all)

(talking about John)...[Luk 1:76-79 ESV] 76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, 77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins... 79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

[1Pe 3:15 KJV] 15...[be] ready always to [give] an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear...

Alexander Maclaren—"There shall be in our hearts a deep tranquility, over which disasters, calamities, sorrows, losses, need have no power. There is no necessity why, when my outward life is troubled, my inward life should be perturbed. There may be light in the dwellings of Goshen, while darkness lies over all the land of Egypt. The peace which Christ gives is no exemption from warfare, but is realized in the midst of warfare. It is no immunity from sorrows, but is then most felt when the storm of sorrow beating upon us is patiently accepted ... There may be peace always, even whilst the storms, efforts, and calamities of life are in full operation around us and on us. ... If He is with me, the world's annoyances will seem very small. If I hold His hand I shall not be much troubled. If I can only nestle close to His side, and come under His cloak, He will shield me from the cold blast, from whatever side it blows. If my heart is twined around Him it will partake of the stability and calm of the great heart on which it rests.

[Jhn 14:27 KJV] 27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

[Jhn 16:33 KJV] 33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

[Eph 6:11, 13-14 ESV] 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ... 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore...

"You are to put on the heavenly armor in order that you may stand; and you will need it to maintain the position in which your Captain has placed you. If even to stand requires all this care, judge ye what the warfare must be!"--Spurgeon

[1Co 16:13 ESV] 13 Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

[Eph 6:16 ESV] 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

[Eph 6:16 KJV] 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

"The Iron Dome is a radar-guided tool that allows Israel to pinpoint and intercept missiles headed for its civilian areas, which enables ordinary Israelis to survive, and even live their lives, in the midst of an unending barrage of rocket fire from militant groups in Gaza."

The man of God is to put on the girdle and the breast-plate, and he is to be shod, and he is to wear his helmet. But though these are all armour, yet faith is an armour for his armour; it is not only a defence for him, but a defence for his defences. Thus faith not only shields the man, but shields his graces too. —Spurgeon

[Pro 30:5 ESV] 5 Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

[Gen 15:1 ESV] 1 ... "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

[Psa 18:30 ESV] 30 This God--his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

[Psa 28:7 ESV] 7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped...

[Psa 18:2 ESV] 2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

[Deu 33:29 ESV] 29 Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, the shield of your help, and the sword of your triumph!

[2Sa 22:3, 31, 36 ESV] 3 my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence. ... 31 This God--his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. ... 36 You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your gentleness made me great.

[Psa 119:114 ESV] 114 You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word.

[Psa 144:2 ESV] 2 he is my steadfast love and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield and he in whom I take refuge...

My faith is nothing except for what it puts in front of me, and it is God who is truly my shield. My faith is only called a shield, because it brings me behind the safety of the Almighty, against which no weapon formed against me can prosper. -- Unknown

Psa 91:4 ESV] 4 He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

FAITH IN HIS FAITHFULNESS!

[Exo 34:6 ESV] 6 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness...

[Psa 86:15 ESV] 15 But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

[Psa 89:1, 5, 14, 33 ESV] 1 I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. ... 5 Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! ... 14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. ... 33 but I will not remove from him my steadfast love or be false to my faithfulness.

[Psa 100:5 ESV] 5 For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

[Psa 115:1 ESV] 1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

[Psa 117:2 ESV] 2 For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

[Isa 16:5 ESV] 5 then a throne will be established in steadfast love, and on it will sit in faithfulness in the tent of David one who judges and seeks justice and is swift to do righteousness."

[1Sa 17:26, 45-46 NLT] 26 David asked the soldiers standing nearby, "...Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?" ... 45 David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven's Armies--the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel!

Heb 10:22-23 ESV] 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith... 23 ... for he who promised is faithful.

[2Ti 2:13 ESV] 13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful-- for he cannot deny himself.

[2Th 3:3 KJV] 3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep [you] from evil.

[Deu 7:9 ESV] 9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

[Psa 145:13 ESV] 13 ...The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

[1Co 1:9 ESV] 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Rev 19:11 ESV] 11 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.

[Heb 12:2 KJV] 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of [our] faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

[1Th 5:24 ESV] 24 He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

"O, brethren, effort to compel the will and the heart to trust; effort to keep the mind in touch with the verities and the Person who are the objects of our faith; and effort to keep ourselves utterly and wholly ensconced behind the Shield, and never to venture out into the open, where our own arm has to keep our own heads, but to hang wholly upon Him—these things go to 'taking' the shield of faith. And it is because we fail in these, and not because there are any holes or weak places in the shield, that so many of the fiery darts find their way through, and set on fire and wound us. The Shield is impregnable, beaten as we have often been. 'This is the victory that overcometh the world'—and the devil and his darts—'even our faith.'"--Alexander Maclaren

[1Jo 5:4 ESV] 4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith.