

***“The Shoes of Readiness
for the Gospel of Peace”***

Ephesians 6:10-20

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2 Timothy 2:3-4

“Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.”

What is the “Gospel of Peace”?

Please turn to Ephesians 2:10-22

The gospel of peace is the good news that Jesus Christ has made a way for us to be reconciled to God, to be at peace with God, and that through that reconciliation he has made a way for us to be at peace with one another.

Romans 16:17-20

“¹⁷ I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. ¹⁸ For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.

Romans 16:17-20

19 For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. 20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”

Our Motivation for Sharing

*The readiness for the gospel of peace
comes from the gospel of peace.*

The Command: Be Prepared!

1. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength!
2. Grow in knowledge of the gospel of peace.
3. Grow in your ability to articulate the gospel of peace.
4. Be eager to be used by God at any moment to share the gospel of peace.

Closing Questions

- 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?
- 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?
- Do you have the ability to articulate the gospel to others? Are you growing in your passion and ability to do so?